

Middle East Israel through the eyes of its foremost author Far East Henry Stanhope on the people of Hongkong as the latest talks begin between Britain and Peking A taste... Modern Times on a question of taste with Stephen Bayley

Drivers at Shell ban overtime Shell Oil tanker drivers are to start a national overtime ban from Monday after rejecting their employers' offer of a 5 per cent pay increase.

BBC threat The BBC threatened to dismiss 400 outside broadcast technicians who are in dispute if they failed to return to work by next Thursday.

Turkish doubts Mr Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister-elect of Turkey, said he had not yet decided whether an application would be made for full membership of the European Community.

Scorn's ban Sir Paul Scoon has banned indefinitely all public meetings in Grenada, with the exception of religious services and normal business gatherings.

White to hang A white South African has been sentenced to death for shooting dead three blacks on a night train to Johannesburg.

Bank for sale European Ferries, which owns Townsend Thoresen, plans to sell its merchant banking subsidiary, Singer & Friedlander.

Telecom action The Post Office Engineering Union has decided to renew its programme of selective strikes against the Government's privatization plans for British Telecom.

4% rejected A 4 per cent pay offer in return for changes in shopfloor practices was rejected by representatives of 1,500,000 workers in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

Passport charges increased The fee for a standard 30-page passport will rise from £11 to £15 on Monday and in some cases the increases will be much greater.

Bill to ban 'nasties' is unopposed The Video Recordings Bill, a private member's measure designed to ban the commercial distribution of video "nasties", was given an unopposed second reading in the Commons yesterday.

Greenham bill The cost of policing Greenham Common air base is now more than £500 an hour. More than 300 officers are stationed there.

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Syria determined to eliminate Arafat and PLO

Despotic pressure from the Soviet Union to ease the siege of the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli and allow Mr Yasser Arafat and his loyalist Palestinian guerrillas a graceful exit from Lebanon, Syria appeared determined last night to press on with the destruction of the PLO leader, even if this means enduring Russian displeasure and the possibility of some military humiliation at the hands of the Israelis or Americans.

Lebanese government officials suspect that President Assad of Syria is relying on a visit to Damascus next week by President Gemayel of Lebanon to provide a formula for both Mr Arafat's departure and a reduction in tension between Syria and America.

Varley to retire from Commons

Mr Eric Varley, the former Labour Cabinet minister announced last night that he is to leave the House of Commons "at an early date" and go into business.

Mr Varley, aged 51, is to become executive deputy chairman of the Coalite group in the new year. This will create a by-election in the safe Labour seat of Chesterfield, which he retained with a majority of 7,763 at the last general election.

There was immediate speculation that Mr Wedgwood Benn may attempt his Westminster comeback by submitting his name as Labour candidate to fight the by-election.

A question arose over Mr Varley's political future from the moment he announced last month that he did not intend to contest the Shadow Cabinet elections.

One of his principal reasons for quitting was that he had become "increasingly unhappy with London life". His new job will enable him to work near his Chesterfield home.

Mr Varley has not yet decided whether to remain as treasurer of the Labour Party.

Mr Varley, the son of a miner who has himself worked in the coal industry, was sponsored as an MP by the National Union of Miner workers. He said last night: "Since Labour left office I have received offers of several jobs outside Parliament. All these offers would have meant my leaving Chesterfield and I was not prepared to do this."

"Costline, however, has its headquarters very near my home in Derbyshire. My appointment with them will mean that I can spend more time at home with my family and do a job which will be connected with the coal trade."

"It has been an immense privilege to serve my constituents since 1964 and I am happy that I shall be living among them."

"I have the greatest pride in having served for five years in a Labour Cabinet and in particular for having been given ministerial responsibility for the industry that fostered me."

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Arab diplomats said that during talks in Moscow with Mr Abdel Khalim Khalid, the Syrian Foreign Minister, Soviet officials had said that to destroy Mr Arafat would add to dissension in the Arab world rather than creating Arab unity.

Honduran appeal

An influential Honduran business organization has asked Dr Kissinger's commission on Central America to seek the military overthrow of the Nicaraguan Government.

Inflation rate dips to 5%

The yearly rate of inflation dipped slightly last month to 5 per cent from 5.1 per cent in September, and is likely to end the year well within the Government's 5 to 6 per cent forecast.

With relatively few price increases in the pipeline, and only modest pressure on industry's costs, ministers are increasingly optimistic about next year's inflation outlook.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said recently that inflation was likely to be on a downward path for 1984, and Treasury forecasts to be published this month are expected to show the pace of price rises slowing to 5 per cent or less by Christmas next year after peaking in the spring at about 6 per cent.

The prices charged by industry at the factory gate have been rising at steady rates of 5 to 5.5 per cent for much of the year, despite a sharp increase in the cost of fuel and raw materials. Companies have been able to absorb higher commodity prices because labour costs - which represent 60 to 70 per cent of total costs - are rising only slowly.

Wage costs as a proportion of output in manufacturing have risen by less than 2 per cent in a year, the smallest annual increase since the 1970s.

The 0.2 per cent rise in prices in October, which took the Retail Prices Index to 340.7 (January 1974=100), was caused mainly by increased housing costs and higher seasonal food prices, including potatoes, eggs and tomatoes.

Over the past 12 months prices of seasonal foods have jumped by 25 per cent following poor harvests in the wake of the cold spring and dry summer.

Officials are hopeful that food costs will abate in the coming months.

Andropov rumours hit markets

Persistent rumours that President Andropov had died seriously unsettled world currency markets yesterday.

The dollar gained against currencies, and the pound slipped in late afternoon trading from \$1.49 to \$1.47. But gold, often a weather-vane of political crises, held steady at \$382 an ounce.

Earlier in the day the markets had been disturbed by rumours that the BBC had reported Mr Andropov had died. A spokesman for the BBC subsequently denied categorically that such a report had been broadcast.



I can't believe it! A shock for McEneaney when a line judge agreed with his call during the game with Steve Denton.

Lawson abandons spring tax cuts

In spite of the Treasury's success in cutting spending programmes to keep within next year's planned total, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has told colleagues that he will have room to cut direct taxation in his spring Budget.

Mr Walker, who returned from China yesterday morning, received a report on the Cabinet meeting, which he missed.

He was told that Mr Lawson wanted to see a 3 per cent electricity price rise next April, but that the Cabinet had left the two ministers to decide how the tighter financial targets for the electricity industry should be achieved.

Other "neutral" senior ministers support that interpretation. But Mr Lawson was said last night to be in no doubt that the Cabinet endorsed his position.

Mr Walker was said to be determined to support those in charge of the industry by resisting any but the smallest increases.

The Government is assuming that council house rents will rise by an average of 7.5 per cent a week in England and Wales, equivalent to about 5 per cent of the average current rent of slightly more than £14 per week.

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Land Rover to close plants and cut jobs

BL's Land Rover subsidiary is to close nine plants, with the loss of 1,560 jobs, and concentrate all its manufacturing at Solihull, Warwickshire, where the former Rover plant, closed nearly three years ago, will be reopened.

The regrouping will save about £14m a year and make Land Rover much more attractive to private investors who regard its ramshackle collection of frequently duplicated plants as a major obstacle to privatization.

It also relieves the state-owned group of the problem of disposing of the Solihull plant, which was opened in 1976 at a cost of £30m. It was said then to be one of the most advanced assembly and paint plants in Europe.

Production of Land Rovers and Range Rovers continued on another part of the Solihull site, which is being modernized extensively.

Mr Tony Gilroy, managing director of Land Rover, said last night: "Austin Rover's recently-announced decision to manufacture XX at Cowley gives Land Rover a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make

fundamental improvements in cost and efficiency. "We will be replacing a series of mainly very old, small, uneconomic plants with a single, integrated modern facility. It will rid Land Rover of a very heavy financial burden and create a fully cost-effective, advanced manufacturing operation."

They all in the Birmingham area, except Pengham, Cardiff, where 600 workers produce gearboxes. The other plants with numbers of employees in brackets are: Ferry Barr, axles (300); Tyburn Road, gear cases (200); Tyseley, engine components (1,000); Acocks Green, engines and transmissions (650); Garrison Street, chassis (450); Bordesley Green, pressings (725); Saffley, stores (20) and Drayson Road, engineering research (250).

No early reduction in mortgage rate

Building societies came down firmly against an early cut in the mortgage rate from the present 11.25 per cent yesterday, leaving Abbey National to make up its mind whether to risk going it alone.

Mr Clive Thornton, the maverick chief general manager of the Abbey who leaves at the year-end to become chairman of the Mirror Group Newspapers, failed to persuade societies at yesterday's council meeting to agree to a cut.

Having broken up the interest rate cartel, Abbey is free to make its own move downwards. But it would risk attracting a flood of mortgage applications while being unable to bring in savings to fund them.

An Abbey spokesman said nothing would happen until after its November 22 board meeting and conceded that the need for a cut now seemed less pressing than it thought before.

Most were refusing to give any hostages to fortune yesterday but Mr Robert Moffat, marketing manager of Nationwide, the third biggest society, said: "It is not certain there will be a reduction on January 1. But there is every chance if interest rates remain steady and the inflows keep up."

Yesterday's decision of the 35-strong council to advise on no change was taken in spite of news that inflows from savers reached an all-time record of £1.01bn last month. Societies also attracted a further £295m of wholesale money from the City.



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# Engineering chiefs want shopfloor changes before agreeing to increase pay

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Engineering employers turned the tables on trade union leaders yesterday by presenting a demand for substantial changes in shopfloor working practices before agreeing to talk about increased wages.

Leaders of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions received a comprehensive set of demands from the Engineering Employers Federation in reply to their proposal for big increases in pay and a shorter working week for 1,500,000 workers in the industry.

In a bargaining initiative that is likely to be a pattern across the private sector, the federation which represents 5,500 companies, responded with a detailed list of claims, arguing: "Our members will no longer accept that we make concessions at national level without the unions agreeing concessions in return."

After an adjournment, the unions' negotiators agreed to

open bargaining on that basis, and the employers made an offer of 4 per cent on basic rates, which would raise the minimum for a skilled man by £3.50 to £90.50 a week. The rate for labourers would rise by £2.50 a week to £55.10.

Mr James McFarlane, director-general of the federation, told the unions that any new national agreement should commit both sides to "removing all impediments to our being strong, competitive, profitable engineering industry capable of competing openly with the rest of the world's industrialized countries."

He added: "We need to make maximum use of plant and machinery by eliminating restrictive manning practices, by having full flexibility between and within other trades and occupations, and between supervisor and supervised."

"In future, with the need to make full use of expensive equipment there will be greater

need for running up to 168 hours a week arrangements which allow seasonal variations, greater flexibility in overtime working and so on."

The employers are also insisting on a clause that would make any improvements agreed at national level conditional on comparable savings through increased productivity in the factories. "There should be no obligation to implement until concessions had been made which enable the company to offset the cost", Mr McFarlane said.

"It seems to us that the pressures faced by the industry should compel us to search for common ground and break away, if we can, from some of the attitudes from our past."

The engineering pay talks were adjourned last night to a date to be fixed after the confederation unions rejected the employers' opening offer of 4 per cent rises.

## The European Gateway inquiry



Antarctic... The course of the two ships towards collision in Harwich deepwater channel. Above: The capsized European Gateway. Right: The damage to the bow of the Speedlink Vanguard.

### Vital questions to be answered

Rules governing the opening and closing of watertight doors have emerged as one of the most vital issues in the ferry collision near Harwich last December which claimed six lives.

The public inquiry, which opened in London on Monday and is expected to last five weeks, aims to find out how the accident happened, who, if anyone, was to blame and what can be done to prevent a recurrence.

On the night of December 19, the 3,514 ton Speedlink Vanguard, travelling towards Harwich, hit the 4,263 ton European Gateway, travelling in the opposite direction, amidships, making a large hole in its side. The European Gateway capsized as water flooded in through the open doorways and within 10 minutes the starboard side of the ferry was on the bottom in shallow water, four crew and two passengers were drowned.

Mr John Willmer QC, for the owners of the Speedlink Vanguard, told the inquiry that if the watertight doors of the European Gateway, which were not power-operated, had been closed, the auxiliary engine-room would have flooded, but the ship and everyone aboard should have survived.

He said that with the three watertight doors open, the ship was not seaworthy. Either the ship's master and owners were in breach of regulations which require the doors to be closed except when necessary open for the working of the ship, or the regulations were not sufficiently tightly drawn or enforced.

Either way, the master should have had the doors closed as soon as he became aware of the risk of collision. Mr Willmer said. Loss of life might have been "astronomical" if there had been a full load of passengers and the collision had occurred in deep water.

The other main issue to be decided by the inquiry is how the collision occurred in spite of good visibility and modern radar equipment.

Evidence given to Department of Transport investigators shows that the Speedlink Vanguard moved to starboard out of the deep water channel leading into Harwich harbour,

### Bad lookout denied by captain

The master of the European Gateway denied yesterday that a bad lookout on his ship had led to the collision with the Sealink vessel Speedlink Vanguard.

Mr John Willmer, QC, for Sealink, put it to Captain Herbert McGibney, the master, radioed his intention to Harwich, but not sufficiently in advance, according to Mr John Reeder, for the Department of Transport.

The radio message was heard by the helmsman of the Speedlink Vanguard, but not relayed to its master, Captain John Bolton.

Captain McGibney, who assumed that his message had reached the Speedlink Vanguard, maintained his course. He told the inquiry that the aspect of his lights should have made his intentions clear.

Captain Bolton continued to head to starboard, assuming that the European Gateway would follow the channel course. "But there was no certainty of that happening", Mr Reeder said. He added that misjudgments had been compounded by poor lookout arrangements on the bridge of the European Gateway.

The hearing continues on Monday.

## Dismissal threat in BBC dispute

By David Hewson

The BBC threatened to dismiss 400 suspended outside-broadcast technicians last night in a gamble to settle the dispute which will seriously disrupt this weekend's television coverage.

The corporation expects to loose coverage of the Lord Mayor's Show, all live sport in Grandstand and Match of the Day today. The two-month-old dispute concerns members of the Association of Broadcasting Staffs who have been sent home without pay. The association is demanding paid time and mileage for members taking part in outside broadcasts.

Yesterday, Mr Christopher Martin, the BBC's director of personnel, wrote to all of the suspended ABS members and issued a deadline of next Thursday for reporting back to work. They would be in breach of contract, otherwise, he said.

The ultimatum will be discussed by the association today and should the meeting fail, the prospect of stepping up the action is raised with a threat of prolonged blackouts at a time when it is already losing the national battle to the independent television companies.

Members of the ABS and the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees have voted for the two unions to merge. The majority of the 15,000 members of the ABS work for the BBC, while NATTKE has 20,000 members in ITV, theatres and bingo. The oew union, which will probably be called the Entertainment Trades Alliance, is expected to be formed early in the New Year.

## Church link action urged

No serious obstacles stand in the way of full communion between the Lutheran and Anglican churches, according to a joint theological report published yesterday. It proposes that a first step should be taken at once, with joint celebrations of Holy Communion and joint action on social and educational matters.

It says: "What differences of theological emphasis remain we regard as not serious enough to divide our churches. We are able to acknowledge each other as true churches of Christ."

*Anglican Lutheran Dialogue*, (SPCK, £1.95)

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## Clothing firm 'a fire hazard'

Fire officers found portable electric fires standing next to inflammable material and josticks burning everywhere at J and R Clothing, Birmingham, magistrates were told by West Midlands County Council yesterday. Stairs were blocked with combustible material.

The firm, employing 22 machinists in a converted two-storey house in Aston, was ordered to be closed under Section 10 of the Fire Precautions Act, 1981.

## Yard crackdown on kerb crawlers

Scotland Yard is considering following the example set by Nottingham police and prosecuting kerb crawlers seeking prostitutes in London.

Two men who attempted to pick up prostitutes in Tooting, south London, were prosecuted successfully recently under Metropolitan Police Act, 1829, for a breach of the peace. Nottingham police have used a 600-year-old Act to prosecute kerb crawlers.

## Telecom union to renew action

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Post Office Engineering Union yesterday staged a display of defiance after its defeat in the courts earlier in the week and renewed its programme of selective strikes against the Government's privatization plans for British Telecom.

The union conference in Blackpool closed last night in a highly-charged atmosphere with the handing over of an interest-free loan of £500,000 from the Union of Communication Workers and the declaration that threatened dismissal next week of 49 telephone engineers would be met with "massive retaliation" by the union.

There were numerous standing ovations as speaker after speaker said the union would not be bowed by the injunctive halting industrial action against the private enterprise Mercury Communications. A remarkable 10 minute procession around the conference hall by branch secretaries as they handed over cheques from local collections totalling almost £62,000

## Newspaper chain chief resigns

By Philip Robinson

Mr Gordon Linares has become chief executive of United Newspapers, the provincial newspaper, magazine and printing group, after the resignation of Mr Donald Anderson, joint managing director. Mr Anderson will receive about £150,000 compensation.

United Newspapers publish the Yorkshire Post, Mornings Telegraph, Sheffield Punch Magazine, and a string of evening and weekly newspapers, mostly in the North.

Mr Anderson had been with United for about 30 years and had nearly three years of his service contract to run.

Mr Linares, deputy chairman and formerly joint managing director, said last night that the resignation arose from a boardroom change which would have left him without a rival.

## Heart unit doctors win reprieve from job cuts

By Nicholas Timmins, Health Services Correspondent

The Leeds Eastern Health Authority has decided not to cut eight junior doctors' jobs from hospitals which specialists had said would have had a catastrophic effect on a heart surgery unit that covers more than six million people.

But Mr Duncan Walker, consultant heart surgeon at Killingbeck Hospital, said that he had been told the jobs, including two in his unit, would still need to be "disestablished - a fancy term for cut".

"I feel like the little Dutch boy with his finger in the dam."

The decision to cut four of the fifteen junior posts at Killingbeck Hospital in heart

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surgery and chest medicine, had been taken by the district management team without consultation, he said.

Mr Walker said that he had been told that because of spending cuts the amount spent on junior doctors' overtime was to be reduced from £720,000 to £150,000 a year, but that could take two to three years to achieve.

The authority had, therefore, decided to cut eight jobs, two in the heart unit, two in chest medicine in a unit that also deals with lung cancer, and one each in psychiatry, accident and emergency, obstetrics and anaesthetics.

## George Segal work fetches £26,400

By Hsuo Malthieu

On Thursday the last session of the contemporary art sale at Sotheby's in New York made \$595,210 (£396,806) with 18 per cent failing to find buyers. Being the least "important" session, it was no doubt the most difficult for the auctioneers to estimate. A plaster "Femina Torso" dating from about 1973 by George Segal, which had been sent for sale by a Belgian collector, was bought by a South African dealer at \$39,600 (£26,400) against an estimate of \$12,000 to \$15,000. A painting by James Hayward dated 1975, made \$34,100 (£22,733), which was paid by a New York dealer (estimated \$22,000 to \$28,000).

In London yesterday Sothe-

## Court delay in Dimbleby dispute

By Hsuo Malthieu

paintings at Christie's made a total of £162,010 with 19 per cent failing to sell. This too included a copy by Henry Stone of a painting by Lely which is now in the Northumberland collection. It shows a formal dinner by Charles I with the future James II as a nervous youth. This sold for £3,240 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000). The most expensive item on offer also had a link with James II, since it was a painting of the battle of Sole Bay, at which he commanded the English fleet. It sold for £4,320 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

In Chester yesterday Sothe-

## No contempt action on Nilsen reports

The Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, is to take no action against six newspapers which published background stories on Dennis Nilsen before the jury at the Central Criminal Court trying him in charges of murder and attempted murder had delivered its verdict.

Sir Michael announced yesterday that he did not consider the articles constituted contempt of court.

The newspapers concerned were: The Standard a London evening newspaper, and The Sun, Daily Star, Daily Mirror, Daily Mail and Daily Express. His statement said:

The Attorney General has considered whether background articles in connection with the prosecution of Dennis Nilsen which were published in the Standard of 3 November 1983, and in five national newspapers the following day, constituted contempt of court and has concluded that the nature of the material published was not such as to create in the circumstances of this exceptional case a substantial risk that the course of justice in these proceedings would be seriously impeded or prejudiced.

The Attorney General stressed that his decision depends on the facts of this particular case and emphasised the substantial risk which is always inherent in the publication of such articles prior to a jury returning its verdict.

Dennis Nilsen's trial began at the Central Criminal Court on October 24 with the defendant pleading not guilty to six counts of murder and two of attempted murder, claiming diminished responsibility. The jury of eight men and four women retired to consider the verdict just after 11.30am on Thursday, November 3. That afternoon, the Standard ran background articles on Nilsen as did the five national newspapers, the next morning.

## Another 'informer' retracts

The RUC's use of informers received another setback last night when an alleged Provisional IRA "supergrass" retracted statements he made implicating 11 people in serious terrorist crimes.

William Skelly, aged 37, from the Whitaker area of west Belfast, made affidavits which the Director of Public Prosecutions is studying.

He also withdrew his own alleged confession to the murder of constable Samuel Vallety in a rocket attack in Belfast more than two years ago. Mr Skelly was not granted immunity.

He was the man who implicated Robert Lean, who himself named 28 people before retracting last month. Mr Skelly is the sixth informer to retract statements.

## Allianz aims for an uncommon market

By Patricia Clough

The irony behind the Allianz bid for Eagle Star is that Allianz is seeking to move into the kind of insurance market which the Germans do not want on their own territory.

West Germany has been putting up some of the stiffest resistance to efforts for a common market in insurance for which Britain, allied with the Netherlands and the EEC Commission, has long been fighting.

Articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty of Rome, on which the European Community is based, states that there should be not only a common market for goods but also for services.

Yet some 26 years later services such as insurance banking, shipping and transport are still restricted by national regulations to which governments cling tenaciously. As it happens they include fields in which the British are particularly strong.

Other Europeans say to the British, wide-eyed, "look, any British firm can set up a branch or agency in our country", implying "what more do you want?"

And in fact since 1973 companies have had the right to set up business in other Community countries, so long as they satisfy local require-

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## 'Cross-frontier' insurance

West Germany's biggest insurer, Allianz Versicherungs, last month made a record-breaking £692m bid for Eagle Star, which ranks sixth in the league table of British insurance companies. This was topped by a near £800m offer from the tobacco concern BAT Industries at the beginning of this month. Both offers were given clearance by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Norman Tebbit, yesterday despite pressure from some quarters that the Allianz bid should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the ground that West Germany does not allow free access to its own insurance market. The battle now continues free of government interference.

ments and abide by local regulations. Several British insurance companies have set up branches on the Continent and are competing with foreign firms on local terms.

That right however does nothing for Lloyds, which because of its unique structure, cannot operate anywhere but in London.

This freedom of establishment, as far as Britain and the commission are concerned,

Overseas selling prices

American \$	£ 1.30
Canada \$	£ 1.30
France F	£ 6.55
Germany M	£ 2.36
Italy L	£ 1.36
Japan ¥	£ 8.00
Netherlands G	£ 2.20
Spain P	£ 166.67
Switzerland S	£ 2.20
USA \$	£ 1.30

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Turkey's new man talks to The Times

Ozal indicates change of policy on applying for EEC membership

Turkey does not aim to become a member of the European Community if the price is too heavy, Mr Turgut Ozal, who is expected to take over as Prime Minister later this month, told The Times.

From Edward Mortimer, Ankara government, in which Mr Ozal served as Under-Secretary to the Prime Minister, announced his intention to apply for full membership. Since then the military regime has maintained that Turkey would apply as soon as parliamentary democracy was restored.

There were similarities between his ideas and the economic policies of Mrs Thatcher's Government. Mr Ozal agreed, but he believed that Turkey would not have to wait until inflation was under control before seeing a drop in unemployment.

Military rulers put final touches to their legacy

Turkey's outgoing military regime continued yesterday to introduce measures designed to ensure that its three years in power are not quickly forgotten by its civilian successors.

The military also pressed, apparently with success, to have Mr Bulend Ulusu, the Prime Minister, chosen as Speaker of the new Parliament, to which he was elected on the ticket of the defeated Nationalist Democracy Party.

I asked if there was any significance in the fact that the map of Turkey used as a symbol by his Motherland Party includes northern Cyprus. He said there was not.

Brazil to strengthen African links

President Joao Figueiredo leaves for a week's trip to five African countries on Monday, the first visit to Africa by a Brazilian head of state. He will spend two days each in Nigeria, Senegal and Algeria and will pay flying calls to Portuguese-speaking Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde.

The enthusiasm of the first phase of links with Africa is being replaced by a much more pragmatic, country-by-country approach. While Brazil's financial constraints will exclude the generous supplier credit arrangements by which exports of such countries as Angola and Mozambique were made possible by President Figueiredo's visit shows that the Third World is by no means out of the running.

Volvo cars made in Brazil are already assembled in Lagos. Algeria has been a big market for Brazilian motor vehicles, as well as for civil construction contracts, and is seen as the most promising market in North Africa.

Italian casinos raided in big crackdown

Milan (AP) - more than 2,000 customs and security agents have raided Italy's four gambling houses in a crackdown on criminals engaged in recycling "dirty money".

After hijacking exits, armed police verified the identities of hundreds of gamblers in the casinos of San Remo, St Vincent, Campione and Venice (all in northern Italy), checked serial numbers of banknotes the customers changed for "chips" and seized the accounts.

Police closed the casino in Campione. Seventeen arrests were made.

Friends again in Asean

The Thai and Singapore Foreign Ministers acted yesterday to repair damage to the unity of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) and to its relations with Australia caused by disputes arising from changes to Australian policies on Cambodia and Vietnam.

Mr Supphah Dhanahlan, Singapore's Foreign Minister, who has been at the centre of the row, telephoned Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetisila, the Thai Foreign Minister, and assured him that he had never made remarks which have angered Australia and Thailand. A foreign ministry spokesman said Mr Dhanahlan claimed he had been misreported and had promised to supply an accurate transcript of his remarks.

He was reported to have accused Mr Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, of "bending over backwards to please Vietnam", a remark which Mr Hayden described as offensive and unacceptable.



Tea break: Mr and Mrs Nakasone entertaining President and Mrs Reagan in traditional Japanese style.

Reagan the conciliator woos Diet

Perched uncomfortably on a straw mat floor and wielding his chop sticks with more courage than skill, President Reagan capped an extraordinarily personal visit to Japan yesterday with lunch in the ambience of Camp David.

Having provided his guests with traditional padded jackets to keep out the autumn chill seeping in from the surrounding bamboo groves, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, served Mr and Mrs Reagan tea - the traditional preliminary purifying ceremony before personal exchanges of great moment - in his mountain farm retreat.

The speech, which drew heavily on Japanese poets and writers, was a skilful compilation of the existing nuclear weapons is to make sure they can't be used - ever. He received a roar of approval when he renewed a promise to take Asian interests

into account in nuclear missile negotiations with the Soviet Union: "I am very conscious of our negotiating responsibility on issues that concern the safety and well being of the Japanese people. Let me make one thing very plain: we must not and we will not accept any agreement that transfers the threat of longer-range nuclear missiles from Europe to Asia."

Man who hated blacks to hang for murder

A white man who shot dead three Africans at a railway station earlier this year because he "hated blacks" was sentenced to death by hanging yesterday, the mandatory penalty for murder in South Africa if there are no extenuating circumstances.

Zacharias said he had gone along, intending to shoot some blacks as well, "because I always do what my brother tells me". In the event, after five shots had been fired, Pieter decided that what they had done was wrong, and the two brothers, handed over to the police.

On April 17, Mr Pieter de Beer, aged 21, and his brother, Zacharias de Beer, 19, boarded the night train for Johannesburg at Pietersburg station in Transvaal Province and lured five black passengers into an unoccupied compartment.

The judge at the Pietersburg circuit court sentenced Zacharias to a total of 46 years in prison on three charges of murder and two of attempted murder, but he will only serve 12 years as some of the sentences will run concurrently.

Sri Lanka and India work out deal on Tamils

A package to increase the autonomy of the minority Tamils in Sri Lanka has been worked out between India and Sri Lanka.

Punjab village leader killed by gunman

Delhi (Reuters) - Unidentified gunmen killed a member of the ruling Congress (I) Party yesterday in the Punjab.



Tickertape funeral: Reynaldo Galman, aged 10, sitting beside his father's coffin on the way to the cemetery.

Manila funeral protest

Manila (Reuters) - Rolando Galman, the alleged assassin of Benigno Aquino, the Philippine opposition leader, was buried yesterday after a six-hour funeral procession which turned into a protest march against the Marcos regime.

Thousands of people poured into the streets as the open hearse carrying the coffin passed through the financial district of Makati. It was accompanied by Mr Galman's 10-year-old son waving to the crowds, and by his mother and eight brothers and sisters.

Government backs video 'nasties' Bill

The Video Recordings Bill, a private members measure, to ban the distribution of video "nasties" was read a second time in the Commons. Mr Graham Bright (Luton South, C), the Bill's main sponsor said that one of his motives in bringing forward the Bill was the protection of young people.

MPs were not easily shocked, nor were they kill-joys, but he challenged anyone to give any good reason why scenes such as the brutal rape of a girl should be freely distributed on video recordings made available to the public.

The producers and suppliers of this obscene and degrading material had only one aim: to exploit the worst elements of human nature for profit. It might get into the hands of children and damage their views of adult life for ever.

with people's freedom to watch what they liked in their own homes. The Bill did not restrict unduly the material adults could obtain to watch at home.

sexuality, it was an exploitation of it, and an exploitation for profit. Pornography represented the violent abuse of submissive women as normal sexual behaviour. It was more than time to question that assumption.

him was what was to become of Restricted (R) category films in video-cassette form. He and the Home Secretary fully understood the concern put to them by Mrs Mary Whitehouse and many others that this material might get into children's hands.

from corruption. The whole burden could not in a free society be cast on Government, Parliament and the law alone.

Beckett: Exploitation of sexuality

videos the Government would in no sense seek to obstruct that view being adopted.

Bright: Children may be damaged

A restricted 18R category, for which one would have to make a conscious effort to go into a sex or adults only shop in buy, should be retained, he said.

Manila funeral protest

Mr Robert Maclean (Cairthorpe and Sutherland, SDP) said he gave his full-hearted support to the purpose of the Bill. But the House was legislating in haste to meet a patient emergency and there were great risks in doing so.

Manila funeral protest

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on Home Affairs,

Soldier-poet sets sights on staying in power

From Michael Hemsley, Dhaka The military dictator of Bangladesh, the Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lieutenant-General Ershad, pulled a piece of paper from his pocket and told the crowded meeting that he had written a poem.

Myself standing by the flood side, Hoping to trade Our sorrows for happiness... The Bengalis pride themselves more on their musical and poetic tradition than their martial skills, and while it may not be up to Rakhanda's standards the poet certainly manages to give the general's concern for the welfare and happiness of the Bangladeshis.

General Ershad: Determined to become civilian ruler long visit to the United States he would still have announced his return to civilian rule.

Parliamentarians in their parts have historically been rather more than simple legislators. They have been administrators too, each with considerable executive power within their own constituencies.

General Ershad's programme of rural decentralization - his upgrading of the unit of local administration from one police station's worth of countryside to a district and making political councils responsible for much of their own development expenditure - is effectively undermining this power.

When the parliamentarians do come to be elected they will be no more than legislators again. Furthermore, the general plans to hold presidential elections after the local polls.

Beckett: Exploitation of sexuality videos the Government would in no sense seek to obstruct that view being adopted. No legislation could remove from parents and other adults their primary duty to protect children

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Clampdown in Grenada

Taciturn Scoon bans all public meetings

From Christopher Thomas St George's

Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor-General of Grenada, has banned all public meetings indefinitely under the almost totalitarian powers vested in him under the officially proclaimed state of emergency.

A brief, unannounced notice on the front page of the Government Gazette, laced with legal jargon and signed by Sir Paul as "Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George", says that all meetings, gatherings and assemblies of persons in any public place are prohibited throughout the state.

The only exemptions are church services and other religious gatherings, and assemblies carried out in the normal course of business. No elaboration of the reasons for the proclamation could be obtained from the increasingly taciturn Sir Paul yesterday.



Women at arms: A member of the Cuban National Guard (left) during a ceremony at Havana airport to welcome the last group of Cubans repatriated from Grenada, and a US military policeman on duty at Andrews Air Force base, Washington, guarding a display of Soviet arms captured on the island.

In such place and under such conditions as the Governor-General may from time to time determine without trial. An advisory tribunal, headed by a barrister can hear appeals.

The state of emergency was proclaimed by Sir Paul on November 1. The regulations which were published later gave him swinging powers over the lives of the 100,000 islanders. The most notable are:

- Any person can be prohibited from possessing any article that might be used in a manner prejudicial to public safety, order or defence.
Restrictions can be placed on any person in respect of his employment or business, in respect of the operation or communication with other persons, and in respect of his activities in relation to the dissemination of news or the propagation of opinions.
Any person can be detained.

Appeal to Kissinger Hondurans demand military solution

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

A powerful and influential organization representing business interests in Honduras and headed by the chief of the country's armed forces has asked the Kissinger Commission to promote a military solution to Central America's immediate problems.

The group has made known to Dr Henry Kissinger through a third party its firm view that long-term economic problems in the region cannot be solved until the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua is overthrown. General Gustavo Alvarez Martinez, unveiled APROH, his Association for the Progress of Honduras, in January. The political opposition here promptly dubbed it "the political wing of the armed forces".

Sex doctor returns for pre-trial UK visit

Los Angeles (Reuters) - Dr Brian Richards, who is charged with soliciting the murder of his partner, intends to return to Britain today for a pre-trial visit.

"I am innocent of the charges brought against me", the London sex rejuvenation specialist said. He described the charges as a monstrous bad dream. Dr Richards, who was arrested while on holiday in California, faces three counts of soliciting the murder of Dr Peter Stephan.

Trudeau views put to No 10

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, on a four-day tour of European capitals, spent two hours in consultations with Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street yesterday (Rodney Cowman writes).

News blackout on Heineken



Amsterdam - A total news blackout surrounded the kidnapping in Holland on Wednesday of Mr Alfred Heineken, chief executive of the brewery, and his chauffeur Mr Ab Doderer (above). The popular press spoke of ransom demands ranging from 3m guilders (\$700,000) to 25m (Robert Schuil writes).

Glomar hopes

Houston (AFP) - Divers exploring the sunken US drilling ship, Glomar Java Sea, in the South China Sea found no bodies. The Typhoon-stricken vessel's owner here said he was optimistic that some of the crew of 81 were safe and had reached shore in Vietnam.

Border truce

Gaborone (Reuters) - At an emergency meeting in Bulawayo, Botswana and Zimbabwe amicably resolved their problems after a border incident earlier this week, when a Botswana patrol was fired on, according to the Botswana Government.

Tahiti's loss

Papeete (AP) - Tahiti's worst ever hotel strike went into its seventeenth day at an estimated cost to the country of nearly \$500,000 and with no sign of a settlement. Five hundred employees of the giant Tahara Tahiti Beachcomber and Soffitel Maeva Beach hotels want a 40-hour work week and two days off.

Car shutdown

Sao Paulo - The Ford, Mercedes Benz and Volkswagen car plants in the Sao Paulo suburbs were closed by a strike of about 50,000 workers objecting to wage rises not being pegged 100 per cent to inflation. A new law passed on Wednesday confines this to only the lowest paid.

Crocodile purge

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - Tanzania is planning to kill off many of its crocodiles and export their skins in an attempt to control their spread.

Luther's 500th anniversary American priest denounces Reagan's policies

From Michael Binyon Leipzig

From the pulpit of a church in Leipzig, an American clergyman yesterday strongly attacked his country's policies in Central America and what he called oppression and exploitation in American society.

Spain wants Iberian free trade zone

From Richard Wigg, Lisbon

Portugal was urged yesterday by Spain's Prime Minister, to help advance towards an Iberian free trade zone to add weight to the two countries' future EEC membership.

Belaunde regards local poll as popularity test

By Colin Harding

More than 100,000 candidates will be standing for election in Peru tomorrow in some 1,800 local councils, in polls which the Government, led by President Belaunde Terry, regards as a plebiscite on its economic and security policies after three and a half years in power.

Fury unites Tory and Labour MEPs

By Patricia Clough

The British Conservative group in the European Parliament has issued a thinly veiled threat to try to get the EEC Commission sacked for "cooking the books" on Britain's budget contribution.

Nicaraguans defiant after Stone visit

Managua (Reuters) - Mr Richard Stone, the United States special envoy to Central America, had a brief meeting with the Nicaraguan junta leader Commander Daniel Ortega, but immediately afterwards Señor Ortega went on the radio to say that his country would intensify preparations to withstand an American invasion.

"If the United States invades Nicaragua, we will be defeated in the medium or long term", he said. Mr Stone said that he had come to Nicaragua to express the complete United States support for the Contadora peace process, by means of which Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama are seeking political solutions to conflicts in Central America.

Mr Stone, who was leaving for Panama and Washington after a tour of the region, was asked if there was a danger that the United States would invade Nicaragua. "The idea is to offer an opportunity for dialogue and allow diplomacy to have positive results" he replied.

Frontier attack: Six Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and 14 wounded when Honduran based rebels attacked two frontier posts in Yelapa department with mortar and artillery fire (AFP reports).

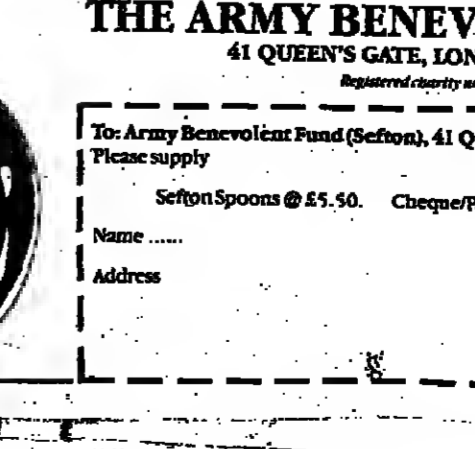
Canada fines firm \$13m

From John Best, Ottawa

An American-owned multinational distributor of household products has been fined \$13 million (£13m) for defrauding the Canadian Government of more than \$28m.

THE SEFTON SPOON

Sefton is now completely fit again following his terrible injuries in the callous and cowardly bomb attack in Hyde Park on July 20th 1982. His recovery has become a symbol of the triumph of good over evil, and the Army Benevolent Fund has commissioned a very special spoon portraying this famous and much-loved horse.



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A golden handshake to go home

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Foreign workers in West Germany who are either unemployed or on short-time working are to be given conditional "golden handshakes" to help them return to their home countries. The Bonn Parliament agreed this on Thursday against sharp protests from the Opposition Social Democrats and the Greens.

Bundestag walkout by Greens

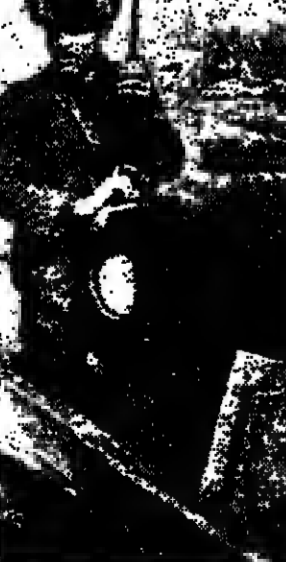
From Our Correspondent Bonn

Greens party MPs walked out of the Bonn Parliament yesterday during a debate on nuclear weapons, because they claimed they were given too little speaking time. The Greens, who have 27 members in the 520-seat Bundestag, were allotted 20 minutes in the four-hour debate.

Israel warns Syria not to step out of line

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem

The Government has used American diplomatic channels to warn Syria not to help radical terrorist groups in Lebanon or launch any form of attack on Israel. Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday told Ma'ariv, the Tel Aviv newspaper, that Syrian-backed Shia Muslim suicide squads were training for further attacks on Israel. "I hope that the Syrians understood the significance of the Israeli warning," he said.



Arafat's man: A PLO fighter resting yesterday in Baddawi camp, Tripoli

unofficially as the reason why his bases were singled out for retaliation. The report of the inquiry into the Tyre bombing was submitted yesterday to Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister. Israel radio said the report exonerated army officers responsible for security at the base.



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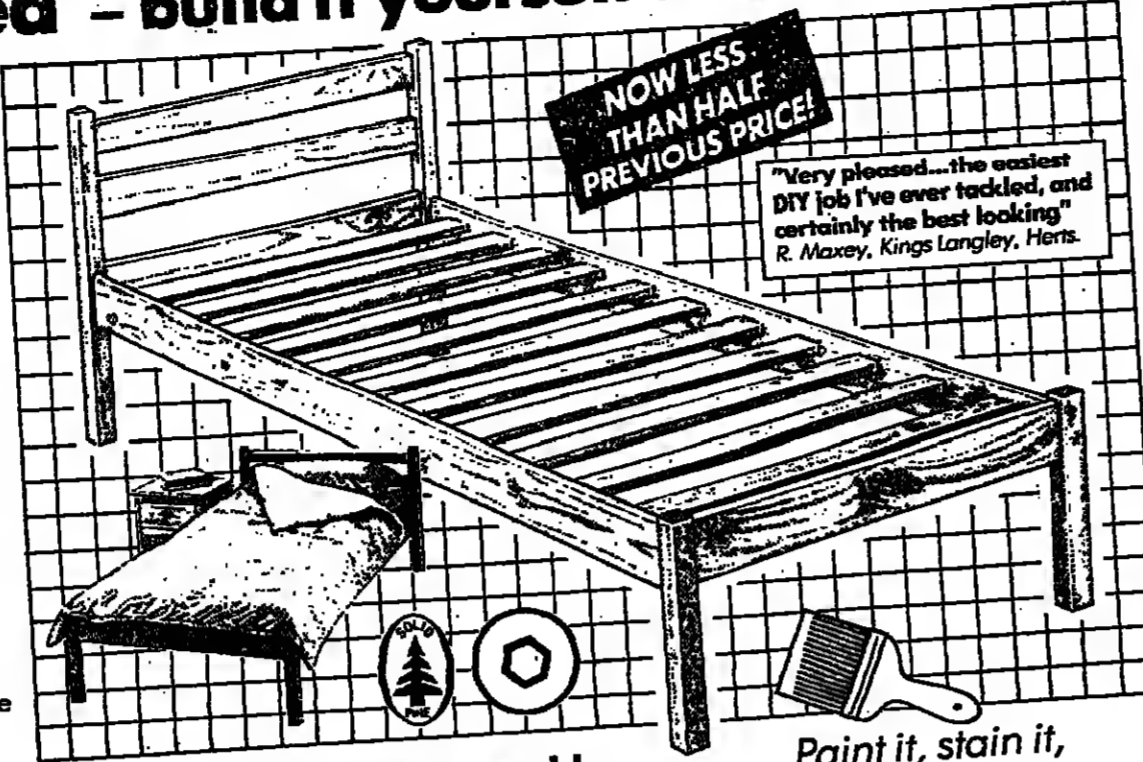
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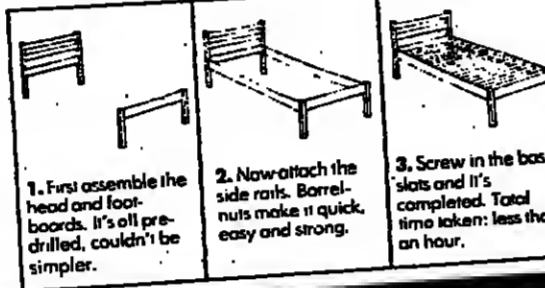
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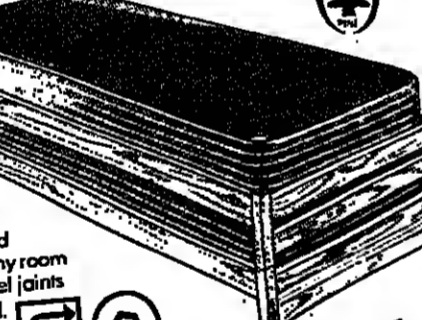


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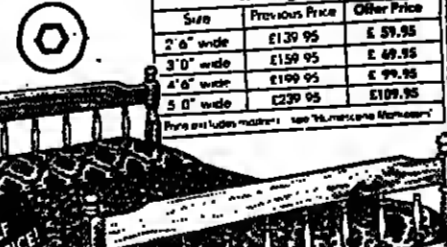
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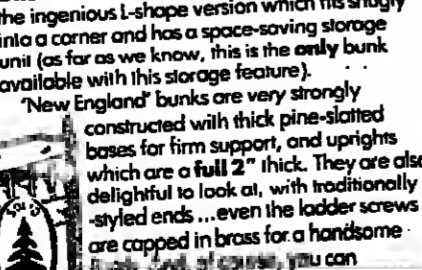
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THE SPEAKER AND THE ALLIES

The Liberal Party has a new worry... Mr Russell Johnston has aired it in The Times...

debate, must he also invariably call a Liberal? The Liberals have lately been aggrieved when he has not done so...

with difficulties. Quite apart from the present difficulties of the Alliance... the customary precedence of Privy Counsellors is always a source of irritation...

THE SINS OF THE FATHERS

Sense of nationhood depends in no small measure on the obligations which one generation accepts on behalf of both its forbears and its successors...

the private owners - former tenants who have subsequently bought their homes from councils - of houses built in the 1940s and 1950s by "non-traditional methods" of the Boot, Unity and Orbit types...

conceivable that a council tenant in a Orbit home will have to live with cracked walls while his neighbour, having exercised his right to buy, has a statutory right to grants and capital gains...

NIGERIA'S TRIPLE TASK

President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria appeared during his first four years of office as an honourable man slightly out of his depth. Now that he is setting off on his second term of office, armed with a solid majority in the legislature and having dismissed all but seven of his old ministers...

politicians are fighting against this. On the economy, the incoming Finance Minister, Malam Adamu Ciroma, a formidable political figure who has presidential ambitions himself, faces a situation that is serious rather than critical...

remains unaffected. The crime waves in most cities are symptoms of discontent. Extreme left-wing politics does not exist on the surface, there are no communist parties. But violent and radical men are there, waiting for the right time...

Competition over airline routes

From Mr Michael Grylls, MP for Surrey North West (Conservative) Sir, Mr William Rodgers, a former Labour Minister of Transport, asserts (November 9) that the transfer of British Airways routes to British Caledonian proposed by Sir Adam Thomson makes "best sense in terms of competition..."

Promise of fair deal for tenant farmers

From Mr F. E. Elliott Sir, The National Farmer's Union has welcomed the publication of the Agricultural Holdings Bill and attaches great importance to its implementation during this session of Parliament. The Bill translates into legislation the contents of a joint submission made by the NFU and the Country Landowners' Association to the Minister of Agriculture in May, 1981.

Library resources in contrast

From Bodley's Librarian Sir, It was pleasing to read, in your issue of October 29, of the provision of large funds for the preservation effort in the Bodleian Library. It was also inevitable that I should reflect on the disparity between the resources available for that library with collections of some seven million volumes and those for the Bodleian Library, which is the next largest library in the United Kingdom with nearly five million.

Jobs and inflation

From Professor F. H. Hahn, FBA Sir, "What the Government can do about unemployment is to reduce the rate of inflation..." This opinion is taken from your leader of today (November 8). Since economists, not least the monetarists amongst them, believe that only reducing the variability of inflation can have any effect on employment it seems plain that your leader writes from some knowledge not shared by the rest of us.

Sellafield emissions

From the Bishop of Carlisle Sir, The British Council of Churches, in its submission to Mr Justice Parker at the Sellafield Inquiry, opposed the planning application regarding the reprocessing plant. The first reason it put forward for advising against planning permission being granted, was: "a significant degree of disagreement among experts relating to relevant technical issues."

Temple Bar

From Mr Theodore Ruoff Sir, Lady Suggden (October 25), who thinks that Temple Bar should stay where it is, apparently knows nothing about the present state of this remarkable ancient monument. When I was a child, during and after World War I, it was a family ritual that, after lunch on Boxing Day, my grandfather marched all of his children down a muddy little country lane to inspect this splendid thing. He told us about some of the famous people whose heads had been spiked above its portals.

Winged chariot

From Dr W. I. Pumphrey Sir, The more scientifically minded of your readers may, perhaps, recall that some years ago my co-workers and I discovered what was then believed to be the shortest measurable interval of time. Our discovery received immediate acceptance and this basic unit is now defined in our textbooks as the interval between the traffic lights changing to green and the driver in the car behind sounding his horn.

Beinn Eighe plans

From Mr Tom Laughton Sir, The hydroelectric project on the shores of Loch Maree strikes a chord of alarm in the hearts of the lovers of the Scottish Highlands. A pair of ravens nest in a cleft of the rock close to the mouth of the Grudie river. Near by nest a pair of northern divers on the Rile island in Loch Maree. The Loch Maree area is one of the highest slopes of the surrounding mountains.

Liturgical reform

From the Executive Secretary of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy Sir, Mr Longley states: "Churches caught in a war of words" (October 24) that "it was the Vatican who originally insisted on one uniform English version [of the Roman Catholic liturgical texts] and which set up an international committee with representatives from every part of the English speaking world." This is simply wrong, on two counts.

In for 25 pennies

From Mr P. A. Spanoghe Sir, Footnote to a statement I received yesterday from the Department of Health and Social Security: "If your present circumstances continue a Christmas bonus of £10 will be paid with the payment which covers December 1, 1983; an increase of 25p per week will be payable from your eightieth birthday."

Paper heritage

From the Director of the British Foundation for Age Research Sir, In her letter on November 9 the Hon. Secretary of the Society of Archivists voices concern about the search for documents launched by the Foundation for Age Research and first reported in The Times on October 25 (Information Service). This report obviously could not tell the whole story and did not explain that documents will be examined by Christie's manuscript department or Robson Lowe for their historical value so that they may be placed in their most appropriate auctions throughout 1984.

Slightly off

From Sir Patrick Reilly Sir, Paul Pickering's article ("It's all right, dear, it's only blackcurrant", November 3) must have made the Chanoinc Kir turn in his grave. He was not Mayor of Lyons, but of Dijon, the home of crème de cassis. Nor did he drink vin blanc au cassis, commonly but wrongly called a "kir". The wine he drank with cassis was red.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: By command of the Queen, the Baroness Trumpington...

Anniversary of the London and Quadrant Housing Trust
YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Kent...

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester...

Memorial services

Judge M. Chavasse, QC
A memorial service for Judge Michael Chavasse, QC, was held at the Temple Church on Thursday...

Princess Alexandra will present the Design Council's Schools Design Prize at the Institution of Civil Engineers...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Clarke and Miss J. Daniels
The engagement is announced between Robin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. Clarke...

Mr C. J. Hamer and Miss H. E. Wright
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Commander J. A. H. Hamer...

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of Mr Pierre Elliott Trudeau...

Service dinners

HMS Dryad
The annual officers' dinner of the Navigating and Direction Branch of the Royal Navy was held at the Wardroom, HMS Dryad...

Dimers

Angel Literary Award
Sir Hugh Canon was guest speaker at the 9th literary award held at the Angel Hotel...

University news

Dr R. Swanton
Dr R. Swanton, senior lecturer in accounting, is to be professor of accounting at the University of Liverpool...

Science report

Doubts on hypnotizing witnesses
The apparently sharper pictures of the scene of a crime that some witnesses can recall with the aid of hypnosis may be just a figment of imagination...

Explaining the results, Dr Janet Rock Lawrence, of the department of psychology at Concordia University...

John M. Todd Justifying faith in Luther



Martin Luther, it is widely agreed, was a prophet. The writings of a prophet cannot be generalized into a system...

The potential for convergence, however, was never entirely lost sight of in the present century Louis Bouyer initiated the first movement in that direction with his Du Protestantisme à l'Eglise...

we are likely to discern some recognizably feasible solutions. The papacy still has problems. John Paul II tends to overlay his own undoubted and genuine spiritual authority...

It is by faith alone that Christians are justified. Aquinas had (though Luther did not know it) expounded the passage concerned in that sense...

The author is a Roman Catholic historian and publisher

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Viscount de L'Isle VC, to be the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries...

Birthdays

TODAY: Lord Justice Goff, 57; Mr J. A. S. Ingamells, 49; Sir Ronald Millar, 64...



Mrs Margaret Thatcher greeting Mr Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, outside 10 Downing Street yesterday...

OBITUARY PROF. E. G. BOWEN

Historical geography of Wales
Professor E. G. Bowen, who died at Aberystwyth on November 8 held the Gregynog Chair of Geography and Anthropology at the University College of Wales from 1946 to 1968...

MR GEORGE EASTON

Mr George Easton, glazier and historian who twice in two world wars had the painstaking task of taking down and storing for its protection, ancient glass in Canterbury Cathedral...

HON MRS VIOLET CRIPPS

Violet, who died on November 7, was born in 1890 to Sir William and Margaret Nelson of Liverpool. She married Dick Rowley in 1914...

Services tomorrow: Remembrance Sunday

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC 8. Remembrance Service 10.30. For full list of services see page 12...

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Slough's centrepiece attracts cascades of compliments

The National Chrysanthemum Society's late show in the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Westminster, is a colourful and well-staged event...

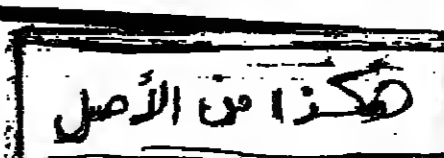
Latest wills

Sir Roger Fallard, of Kirby Lonsdale, Cumbria, the historian, journalist and politician, left estate valued at £56,219 net...

Latest wills

Allen, Sir Donald Richard, of Epping, Essex, Clerk to the City Parliament Foundation 1930-65, £158,172...

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

# North Sea shuffle makes room for minnows

BP will be pleased with the £338m it is getting for the 12 per cent of Forties its taxmen shrewdly advised it to unload. The final list of 19 successful bidders was published yesterday, and prompts a number of reflections.

The first is the obvious one that closing the £1,000m tax loophole about which the Chancellor made such a fuss when the deal was first announced has not deterred would-be purchasers one jot. In retrospect the loophole was not much of a loophole, as BP always insisted.

The second point is that the Forties deal has not nearly mopped up the demand for taxable North Sea production which the industry wants to use as offsets for future exploration.

Twenty bidders were turned away and some interested groups might not have bid at all on the grounds, since amply vindicated, that the final striking price would be too high for them. The moral is that other deals must be on the way which will take chunks of mature oil fields away from the big producing companies.

The small exploration companies have voted with their feet to make their point that the North Sea tax regime - though its overall level may not be too high - is irrational and inequitable when it comes to the allocation of exploration resources. This is now beginning to be put right.

Looking down the list of successful bidders only five - Elf, Norsk Hydro, Texaco, Hispanoil and the Swedish OK cooperative - are foreign. This should be within the political tolerance of the flag-waving Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

Another five are Seventh Round companies, set up three years ago when Mr David Howell, the former Energy Secretary, was trying to lure non-oil



Nigel Brookes: P&O not the only target in his sights.

interests - everyone from bankers to milkmen - into high risk oil exploration. By and large their experience has not been a happy one: the Forties deal should give them a kiss of life.

The rest of the bidders are drawn mostly as you would expect from the small to medium-sized ranks of the independent British oil sector, ranging in terms of size and success from Ultramar and Charterhouse Petroleum at the top down to Candecora and Berkeley.

The two most interesting companies to have bought their way into Forties are undoubtedly RTZ and Trafalgar House. RTZ, which made a losing bid for Wytch Farm and is trying to buy BET's stake in the Maureen field, has made no secret of its desire to expand its oil interests. As for Trafalgar House, its £23m outlay on Forties confirms that P & O, though the biggest, is not the only target in Mr Nigel Brookes's sights.

# Lawson sights his holy grail

Encouraging inflation figures for last month have bolstered ministers' confidence that they are at last within sight of that Holy Grail - sustained non-inflationary growth. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to announce in his autumn statement next week that growth in 1984 should equal this year's, now put at close to 3 per cent, and inflation will ease from a peak of perhaps 6 per cent in the spring to below its present level by the end of the year.

Mr Lawson has some cogent arguments on his side. Continuing high unemployment is likely to exert a dampening influence on pay claims and there are some tentative signs that settlements may be slowing slightly in the present wage round.

Rapid productivity growth has restrained the rise in unit labour costs to its lowest level for 15 years, and looks set to continue next year. Surveys by the Confederation of British Industry show that relatively few companies plan to put up prices.

Fierce international competition is keeping up the pressure on companies to minimize or absorb higher costs to stay in

the running. Sharp increases in world commodity prices this year have had almost no impact on prices charged by industry. At the same time profits have risen by as much as a fifth.

The Chancellor's optimism has been catching on in the City. The gilt-edged market has a firm look about it. Not everyone is yet convinced. Sceptics point out that it is quite usual at this stage of the economic cycle for economic growth and falling inflation to run in tandem as productivity improves. But with companies awash with cash, increasing profits, order books and a resumption of staff recruitment they argue that pressures for higher pay settlements will eventually become irresistible.

Add to that a cyclical pick up in global inflation as the world economy extends its moderate recovery, perhaps coupled with a weakening of sterling, and the stage could be set for a spurt in prices before next year is out.

Mr Lawson will be putting his faith in the discipline of tough financial policies to ensure this does not happen. The money, for the time being, is on him.

# European Ferries to sell Singer & Friedlander

By Graham Searjeant

The rapidly changing financial services industry received another surprise last night when European Ferries, the shipping to property conglomerate, announced that it was putting its banking subsidiary, Singer & Friedlander, up for sale.

Singer & Friedlander is a second rank merchant bank with assets of £37m at the end of 1982 and profits of about £4.5m.

But it is a member of the prestigious Accepting Houses Committee, which enhances its status both with the Bank of England and in world financial markets and is therefore not likely to be short of would-be buyers. European Ferries is hoping for a price of at least £50m.

The sale is the first tangible

move to restructure European Ferries after the sudden death of its former chairman, Mr Keith Wickenden, in a flying accident in July.

His successor, Mr Ken Siddle, is known to want to simplify the business and also make it less vulnerable to a predatory takeover. The company will also need cash, particularly to develop Felixstowe Dock if it is chosen as a freeport.

The European Ferries board said last night that it wanted to concentrate its management and financial resources in the shipping, harbour and property sectors and had decided to sell the bank. "Acknowledging the major contribution which Singer & Friedlander has made to the group in recent years, its

present growth and its excellent prospects."

European Ferries bought 92.5 per cent of Singer from the Bowling insurance group for £23.5m in 1980. The rest is owned by management. Singer has already had various owners, including the Sims Darby plantations conglomerate.

Ironically, another merchant bank, S G Warburg, will now have the job of arranging a private sale in consultation with Singer directors.

The sale comes at a moment when the rise of international money brokers and particularly the impending changes in the structure of the Stock Exchange have opened up the financial services industry. This has set off a search for new partner-

ships and combinations that will result in a number of diverse financial service groups being created.

Within the past few days, Mr Jacob Rothchild's RIT and Northern group announced a merger with the Charterhouse Group, which also includes an accepting house. Citicorp, one of the world's top banks has bought into the stockbroking and investment group Vickers da Costa and BA1, the tobacco group, bid for Eagle Star insurance. Mr Anthony Solomons, chairman of Singer & Friedlander, said last night that "a UK institutional buyer would be ideal for us. There are one or two people we have been talking loosely to, if they were the buyers, I would be delighted."

# C&W stake in \$180m China deal

By Jonathan Davis  
Financial Correspondent

Cable & Wireless has signed a joint venture agreement with the Chinese to provide the public telephone system for a city of skyscrapers the Chinese plan for the borders of Hongkong.

The company announced yesterday that it is taking a 49 per cent stake in a new company, Shenda Telephone, which will spend \$180m between now and the end of the century on telephones for the fast growing City of Shenzhen, one of the special economic zones established to attract co-located foreign investment.

The deal comes four months after Cable & Wireless signed a similar joint venture to provide telecommunications services for the fledgling Chinese offshore oil industry, and marks a further consolidation of the company's business links with the Chinese from its long established trading base in Hongkong.

Mr Eric Sharp, the chairman, said yesterday that the new venture was "an exciting challenge". The population of Shenzhen should grow from 200,000 to 800,000 by the year 2000, and Mr Sharp said the aim was to provide one telephone for every four inhabitants by then.

The remaining equity in the new company is to be taken by the Chinese, in the form of the local telecommunications authority and the city itself.

The joint venture agreement will last 20 years initially. Work has already begun on expanding the existing Shenzhen telephone network, which is expected to double its capacity by the end of this year.

# £3m offer at Danish Bacon

By Jonathan Clare

Ess-Food, the Danish slaughterhouse co-operative, is offering about £3m to buy up the shares in the troubled Danish Bacon Company which it does not already own. Danish Bacon's ordinary shares are quoted on the London stock market and represented about 42 per cent of the company's total equity. They are mainly held by the big institutions.

Talks between Ess-Food and Danish Bacon started last month and represented an about-face by the Danish co-operative. Originally, Ess-Food told Danish Bacon that it intended to sell direct to the British market. But subsequently five of the 16 slaughterhouses in the co-operative which they intended to leave and sell direct on their own accounts. Britain is Denmark's biggest and most competitive market for its pork, and upheavals in marketing methods reflect low pork prices and lower demand.

Ess-Food's offer is likely to succeed. The high stock market indices around the world demonstrate the faith that professional investors have in the strength of the revival still to come.

# £16m cash call from Aitken Hume

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Aitken Hume Holdings, the financial group part-owned by the Aitken family, took the stock market by surprise yesterday with a £16.8m rights issue to help pay for its latest acquisition.

Aitken Hume is buying National Securities & Research Corporation (NSR), the American fund manager, as part of its determined expansion into North America. It already owns 4.9 per cent but the rest will cost \$32.6m (£22m). The rights issue will provide \$25.2m of this and bank loans the rest.

The group's shares slipped from 185p to 160p at one point, reacting to the size of the issue. Up to 12.4 million new shares are being issued on the basis of three new ones at 140p for every two held. Including a separate issue of 1.28 million shares to Middle Eastern investors in return for their minority in the merchant banking subsidiary, the group's issued share capital will more than double from £.3 million to £21.9 million.

However, the half-year results showing pretax profits up from £790,000 to £1,486m in the six months to September 30, a 2p net inter dividend and forecast of a two-thirds increase to 6p for the whole year helped to lift shares back to 165p.

The cash demands of TV-am are preventing three directors from taking up all their rights. Mr Jonathan Aitken, his cousin Timothy and Mr Michael



Jonathan Aitken: not taking up all his rights

Scorey who are shareholders in TV-am through another company, control nearly 25 per cent of Aitken Hume. But they are, in effect, taking up only 500,000 of their 3 million entitlement.

Percy Tarbutt and Co with River Plate and General Investment Trust are underwriting £1.8 million of the 3 million. The Middle Eastern shareholders will help to pay for a further 700,000 of the remainder.

Mr Scorey said yesterday: "We've put as much as we can into this situation. Obviously if as much money had not been put into TV-am, more would have been available for other things." The acquisition will increase funds under management from £150m at present to £1.35 billion.

# Hanson to head Trident

By Philip Robinson

Lord Hanson is to take over as chairman of Trident Television this month, after a management buyout which disposes of the non-gambling interests of the company. His appointment, and the buyout deal, will require shareholders' approval at a special meeting on November 29.

Trident, which operates the Clermont Club and the Victoria Sporting Club, in London, is selling Windsor Safari Park, Warts & Corry, a television scenery maker, and certain film and television programmes to a consortium of Trident executives.

They are led by Mr George Ward Thomas, who will resign as chairman and managing director of Trident but remain on the board. He will be paid £83,000 compensation for loss of office.

Lord Hanson said in a statement: "The activities sold do not contribute significantly to profit but make disproportionate demands on management time. Our object now is to continue the successful development of our London casino interest."

Trident, whose shares closed up 15p last night at 117p, recently sold the freehold of the former Playboy Club to a Jersey company called Doelard. Lourdo emerged as the owner of the Park Lane premises

# Dow Jones advance

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Shares renewed their advance in early trading yesterday with The Dow Jones Industrial Average moving up more than 8 points to 1243. Mr Newton Zinder, first vice-president at E. F. Hutton, said: "Stocks are holding to a narrow trading range on this holiday and volume will probably be the lightest since before Labour Day.

General Motors was 75 3/4 up 1/4; International Business Machines 126 1/2 up 1/4; General Electric 54 3/4, unchanged.

## STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index	725.1 up 4.5
FT 100	453.48 up 4.51
Bargains	19,730
Debit	15,730
Net	4,000
Average	1245.08 up 9
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow Jones 9,305.63 up 61.39
Hongkong	Hang Sang Index 844.94 up 7.67
Amsterdam	150.5 up 1.4
Frankfurt	AD Index 712.4 up 3.4
Frankfurt	Commerzbank Index 1015.8 down 0.3
Brussels	General Index 122.88 unchanged
Paris	CAC Index 1421.1 unchanged
Zurich	SKA General 290 up 0.8

## CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE	
Sterling	\$1.4875 down 30pts
Dollar	Index 84.1 up 0.2
DM	3.9825 up 0.0175
Fr	12.11 up 0.05
Yen	350.50 down 0.75
Dollar	Index 128.0 up 0.5
DM	2.0765
NEW YORK LATEST	
Sterling	\$1.4875
DM	2.6740
INTERNATIONAL	
ECU	0.570471
SDB	2.709665

## GOLD

London fixed (per ounce)	am \$381.15 pm \$382
close	\$381.75-\$382.50
(25.75-25.75)	\$382
New York (late)	\$382
Kruggerand (per coin)	\$393-394.50 (\$264.50-\$265.50)
Sovereigns (new)	\$89.25-\$90.25 (\$60-\$60.75)
*Excludes VAT	

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Gilts ride high on optimism

Government stocks continued their strong advance towards last year's high levels yesterday although still a long way from the peaks achieved in the 1930s.

There were gains of up to nearly £2 as optimism grew about the economic outlook ahead of next week's financial statement by the Chancellor.

The slowdown in the October inflation rate also helped.

A new £1,000m "short" tap caused little surprise. The £97 party paid 1989 tender stock carries a 10 per cent coupon. First payment is £20 per cent on tender, then £40 per cent on December 14 and the rest on January 16.

The strength of gilts helped equities higher after an indifferent start.

Estimated of Britain's growth rate in the first half of this year have been revised down by nearly half a percentage point the Central Statistical Office announced yesterday. National output (gross domestic product at factor cost) was 2.8 per cent higher than a year earlier, compared with the previous estimate of 3.2 per cent.

# Tebbit clears the way for battle over Eagle Star

By Jeremy Warner

The battle for control of Eagle Star, Britain's sixth biggest insurer, began in earnest yesterday when Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, cleared the way for a Monopolies and Mergers Commission reference two record cash offers for the group.

Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurance company which began the bidding, is expected to top an offer of £796m from BAT Industries, the tobacco and retailing combine, which had the backing of Eagle Star, with a new all-cash bid next week.

It had been waiting for formal clearance from the Trade and Industry Department before deciding whether to proceed.

# Treasury ruling alarms companies

# Ban 'may kill sales to Brazil'

By John Lawless and Peter Wilson-Smith

Directors of leading British companies in Brazil are to warn the Department of Trade and Industry that United Kingdom sales there are in danger of being wiped out because the Treasury is refusing to extend fresh export credits.

Mr James Ruffell and Mr John Matthews, presidents of the Coats Patons and ICI subsidiaries in Sao Paulo, are to meet Department officials later this month.

They and other executives are to tour Britain to advise companies on business prospects in Brazil.

The Department of Trade and Industry, faced with complaints from industry, is understood to be ready to add its protest against the Treasury decision.

Companies are astonished that, having given a new £250m export credit to Iraq last month, the Treasury continues to refuse half that amount to Brazil.



Lord Montgomery: "plans will be kiboshed"

The British Government's total exposure to Brazil through guarantees is believed to be about \$1.5 to \$2 billion. This is a large proportion of total British lending to Brazil, officials claim. They argue that it justifies Britain's refusal to grant new trade credit guarantees to Brazil.

Lord Montgomery, vice chairman of the British-Brazilian Parliamentary Group, said: "The British share of the market is now less than 2 per cent and, without new credits in place, it is very difficult to see how British industry is going to avoid sliding back further."

Lord Montgomery, who was in Brazil recently as managing director of the Terimar Consultancy, said: "I was trying to construct a plan for several companies over the next five years, which would have included investment. This decision means that such plans will be kiboshed."

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The high stock market indices around the world demonstrate the faith that professional investors have in the strength of the revival still to come.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

G. R. Holdings Year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £1.7m (£1.9m) Stated earnings 27.5p (30.5p) Turnover £22.5m (£20.7m) Net dividend 5.4p (7p)
C. H. Bailey Period to 25.3.83 Pretax loss £538,000 (£158,000) Turnover £8.4m (£10.1m) Net dividend none (same)
Barton Transport Year to 24.9.83 Pretax profit £178,000 (loss 118,000) Stated earnings 22.64p (loss 23.92p) Turnover £7.7m (£7.5m)
Standard Industrial Group Year to 1.7.83 Pretax loss £1.8m (£48,000) Loss per share 26.81p (2.72p) Turnover £8.5m (£7.4m)
A. F. Budge and Co Half-year to 31.7.83 Pretax profit £381,000 (£343,000) Stated earnings 0.85p (0.59p) Turnover £3.2m (£2.9m) Net interim dividend 0.58p (same)
Headam, Sims and Coggins Half-year to 31.7.83 Pretax profit £153,000 (£205,000) Stated earnings 2.24p (2.55p) Turnover £2.4m (£2.9m) Net interim dividend 1.4p (same)
J E England (Wellington) Half-year to 2.7.83 Pretax profit £1.6m (£2.5m) Loss per share 3.05p (0.88p) Turnover £1.6m (£2.5m) Net interim dividend none (0.44)
Berkeley and Hay Hill Investments Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax loss £2,62,000 Rent £400,000
NAZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Year to 30.9.83 Net profit NZ\$45.75m (£36.3m)
Amalgamated Financial Investments Year to 31.3.83 Pretax loss £17,000 (profit £76,000) Turnover £76,000 (£12,000)
Law Land Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit on investment activities £1.5m (£268,000) Stated earnings 2.12p (1.05p) Turnover £3.2m (£2.5m) Net interim dividend 0.8p (0.7p)
Futura Holdings Half-year to 9.7.83 Pretax profit £14,000 (loss £18,000) Stated earnings 0.69p (loss 1.37p) Turnover £1.6m (£1.5m) Net interim dividend 6 per cent (3.25 per cent)
Bellway Year to 31.7.83 Pretax profit £3.7m (£2.6m) Stated earnings 17.8p (16.6p) Turnover £48.5m (£36.5m) Net total dividend 7p (7p) Dividend payable 17.1.84
Kraft Productions - Mr J. G. N. Thompson has stepped down as chairman but remains on the board. The appointment of a new chairman is under consideration.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Michael Prest
Tate looks to US for growth

It is quite understandable that Tate & Lyle should be a rising star in the fund manager's firmament. For three years since the changing of the guard at Sugar Quay senior executives, including Mr Neil Shaw, the managing director, and Mr James Forbes, the finance director, have undergone the ordeal of meeting institutions each week at stockbrokers' lunch tables around the City.

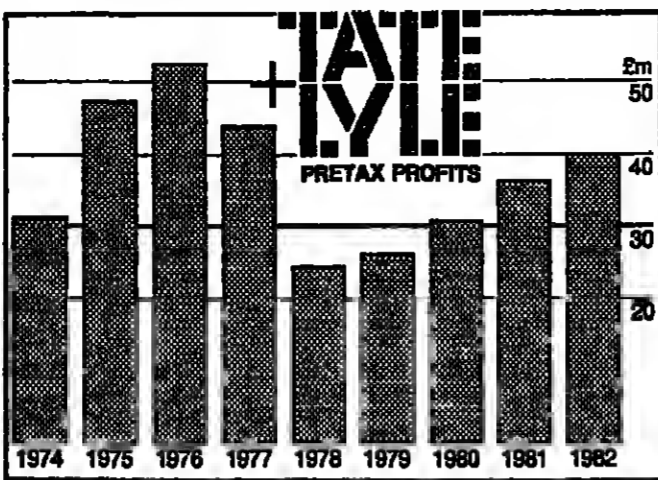
But important though this rather un-English approach to investor relations has been, it is the arguments which have carried weight. As the chart shows, profits are once again on an upward trend.

After the £42m rights issue and on the assumption that the Zymaze sale is approved by the Canadian authorities, Tate will have only minimal debt on its balance sheet. Productivity at the key Silvertown refinery has improved by a fifth, and it is processing one million tonnes a year.

But it is equally easy to get carried away. The forecast profits of £55m, which will undoubtedly be followed by another increase in 1984, only bring Tate back to where it might have been without the collapse of the late 1970s. In real terms, profits have some way to go before Tate is earning the return one could reasonably expect on assets of more than £2,000m.

This is not to say that the quality of earnings has not improved impressively. Bulk storage, molasses (Tate has 30 per cent of the world market), and sugar refining now form a solid core.

Commodity trading is far more volatile, as the need to take an interim loss this year demonstrated, but in good years is valuable. No division is



losing any significant amount, and before long Tate should be free of loss-makers entirely.

Paradoxically, however, the pace and the extent of the turnaround only pose more acutely the question of what Tate does now. And it is here that caution should be exercised. The policy is to stay within the admittedly broad ambit of the group's existing skills and knowledge. Essentially this means sugar, and more generally sweeteners.

But while branching out into new types of artificial sweetener, particularly low or no calorie products, is a serious possibility, Tate is determined to exploit its position within the growing world sugar market. Political problems make direct involvement in cane growing unattractive. The main alternative is sugar refining.

Not surprisingly, Tate has its eye on the American market. North America is enticing for many British companies, but for Tate there is a specific reason.

The last few years have seen a sharp shake-out in the American refining industry. Regional refiners have closed or are up for sale. With the success of its New York state refinery behind it, Tate is clearly tempted to repeat the exercise.

Expansion, however, will be phased rather than headlong, and although profits will rise, progress over the next couple of years could be a little more sedate than some fund managers are anticipating.

Mercantile House

It is interesting that while the City gossips have been fuelled by the who's-buying-whom prospects of financial institutions taking stakes in London's leading brokers, this last week has seen one leading institution decide not to proceed after initial talks and two of the top five brokers deciding to go it alone, while yet others are beginning to think in terms of a public flotation.

£3.5m agreed bid for Venture Oil

By Jeremy Warner

Premier Consolidated Oilfields, the Edinburgh-based exploration and production company, has launched an all-share bid worth about £3.5m for Venture Oil, a company formed in March 1980 by Premier and a large number of institutional partners as a vehicle for the seventh round of offshore licences.

The company is offering nine of its shares for every four Venture shares. Besides £2.25m of cash assets, Venture also has a 25 per cent interest in operating block 12/23 in the Moray Firth, a 12.5 per cent interest in two English Channel blocks, 99/12 and 99/13, and some United States oil and gas wells.

Platinum disappoints

Half-year to 31.7.83 Pretax loss £328,343 (£406,830) Turnover £4m (£3.5m) No interim dividend (same) Share price 6 1/2p zero yield

Once again the shareholders of penny stock Platinum, manufacturers of writing instruments and plastic mouldings, were disappointed by results.

The group has reported more heavy losses for the half-year to July. No dividend is being paid and none was paid in 1982.

Shareholders were told last April that a substantial turnaround was taking place.

Considerable sums were spent on re-organization and new product development, rationalization programmes were implemented, and sales were said to have been up 10 per cent.

Shares in German banks fall sharply

Frankfurt (Reuters) - West German bank shares fell on largely foreign selling pressure as various rumours spread throughout the stock exchange, dealers said.

Dresdner Bank saw some of the heaviest losses, dropping DM7 from yesterday's closing levels to DM168. Deutsche Bank shed DM6.50 to DM206 and Commerzbank lost DM4 to DM165.50.

Air Call's share offer

Air Call, the radio communication group, has announced the terms of the rights issue it is staging to finance an international data transmission service.

The service depends on the completion of the purchase of Consortium Communications International of the US which has centres in the Britain, South Africa, Israel and Australia. The £4.67m (\$7m) deal should be finalized on Monday.

When the agreement is concluded shareholders of Air Call, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market will be offered two new ordinary shares for every five held at the close of business on November 4 at 345p per share.

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SKI TIPS

Skiing has come a long way since a prehistoric hunter first strapped wood to his feet. Now there is powder skiing, piste skiing, Nordic skiing, freestyle skiing, adventure skiing; all part of the modern hunt for excitement. Today, as the annual Ski Show opens at Earls Court, we present a four-page review of the snow business

In the beginning, skiing was about hunting and survival. A Norwegian skier of about 2500 BC is pictured in a rock carving wearing long, rabbit ears which are thought to be some kind of hunting magic. Supernatural powers would certainly have been needed by the three Russian skiers carved in rock near the White Sea around 1000 BC. In their part of the world winter temperatures are commonly 40 below, and the poor fellows are plainly naked. Not men, but gods perhaps?

All the earliest references to skiing are Scandinavian. The oldest written testimony is a sixth-century account of the Skridfinns, or gliding Finns. Another six centuries later, Saxo, a Danish historian, described how the Finns went to war on skis. Lapps, Swedes and Norwegians did likewise, and the earliest skiing competitions were military exercises. In 1689 white winter uniforms, reversible to green for summer, were issued to Norwegian ski troops.

America, Australia and New Zealand all flirted with skiing about 20 years before it penetrated the mountains of Switzerland and Germany. In 1856 "Snowshoe" Thompson, who was born Jon Thorsteinson in the Telemark district of Norway, earned a place in history by making the first of many winter journeys alone across the Sierra Nevada carrying the US mails. His home-made oak skis were nearly 10ft long.

In the first half of the nineteenth century it was in the Nordic countries that skiing developed as a sport, with cross-country skiing and ski-jumping the competitive events. Not until the final decade of the century did the Swiss, Germans and British begin to show real interest in the new activity.

The event that sent a buzz of excitement across Europe was the first successful crossing of Greenland made in 1888 by Fridtjof Nansen. Wearing oak skis, his party explored the island from east to west. From the coast they dragged their sledges up to a height of 8,858 feet before running down the other side with the wind and gradient to speed them.

In 1891 Nansen's book came out in English and German; ski clubs were started in Munich, Vienna, Todtnau and Mürzschlag. At first the excitement of Alpine skiing was about ski mountaineering. The emphasis was on the new freedom skis gave to traverse the Alps in winter. It was more about going up the mountains than sliding down them.

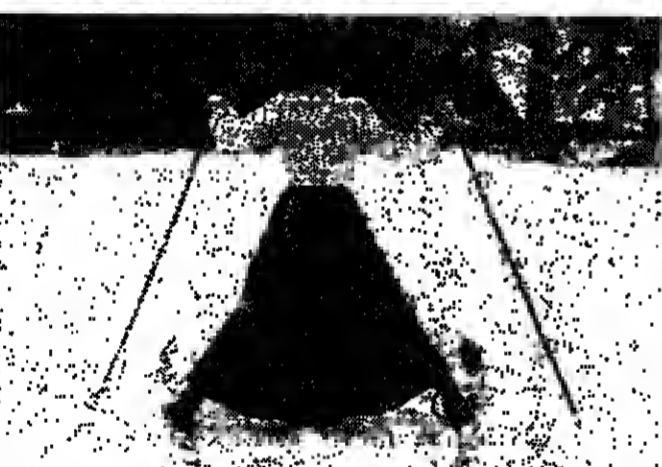
Techniques for controlling skis on steep slopes had yet to be devised. The first recorded demonstration of the "snow-plough" or stem system of braking was in 1893; and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, already in his fifth season skis, crossed the Furka Pass in the Swiss Alps on a journey from Davos to Arosa.

For tricky bits of the downhill section he lashed his skis together into a sort of sledge. In the winter of 1898 Doctor (later Sir Henry) Lunn, a missionary turned tour operator, took a party of British holiday-makers, six pairs of Swiss skis and a Swiss mountain guide to Chamoinix in the French Alps. Forty-two of his clients, two of the pair of skis and numerous toboggans posed for a group photograph of that first packaged skiing holiday.

Right from the beginning winter sports attracted a wealthier crowd than those who took summer holidays on the Continent, and to circumvent their aversion to being labelled Lunn's tourists, the ingenious doctor founded The Public Schools Alpine Sports Club in 1903, the same year that Henry Lunn organized the first races for the Public Schools Winter



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Wobblers and goggles: Today's chic replaces yesterday's charm

Sports Challenge Cup, the Ski Club of Great Britain held an inaugural dinner at the Cafe Royal.

That first competition included skating and tobogganing as well as skiing and it was not until 1911 that the skiers competed for their own trophy, the Kandahar Cup. When Sir Henry's son Arnold came to found a club for the promotion of downhill and slalom racing, he called it the Kandahar Ski Club after the race and the man who had presented its first trophy, Lord Roberts of Kandahar, VC, KG, OM, who in 1880 had marched from Kabul to raise the siege of Kandahar.

In a leading article published on New Year's Day 1937, The Times noted that skiing had usurped the older winter sports in popularity. "The development of winter sports from a novelty into a habit (for those who have the time and money) is complete, and in the process the method of winter sporting has crystallized. With all allowance for the splendour of fast running on skis, has it crystallized in an entirely satisfactory form?" Skiing, the article continued,

that modern skiers are for the most part incompetent in soft snow and, therefore, inferior to their predecessors."

He went on to attribute this decline to the commercial interests of ski instructors who could earn more money, faster, by sticking to practice slopes.

In 1954 The Times reported that 35,000 winter sports enthusiasts were expected to holiday abroad that winter compared with 75,000 before the war. The figure today is nearer half a million, and the social class of those who travel is no longer the matter for comment that it still was in the 1950s.

In the main, winter sports parties from Britain follow much the same social pattern as before the war. The public schools and universities are strongly represented, as ever, and some of the keenest skiers continue to be found among the Army and R.A.F. officers. But travel agents are noticing a decided increase in the numbers of nurses and teachers who are taking up skiing...

Surely these were not the new recruits whose scruffy dress provoked Robin Blandford of the Kandahar Club to write to The Times in 1959: "On numerous occasions during my stay abroad I encountered English people on the slopes and in the hotels in supposed skiing dress that wouldn't have done credit to a tramp. In a fashionable skiing resort, this type of appearance is most unworthy of our British tradition and certainly displays us at our worst."

Today, no one talks of skiing running any more, and only a tiny proportion of the thousands who are looking forward to a week or two's piste-bashing in the coming season belong to a ski club. And if anyone writes to the paper about skiing today it is more likely to concern

damage to the alpine environment caused by the proliferation of lifts and beds than to comment on the class of person one meets on the slopes.

Techniques and equipment have changed as radically over the years, as the costumes and manners once thought appropriate to winter sports. Colleagues still say "Don't break a leg" when you head for the mountains. But that is no longer

the most likely accident. Equipment, especially boots and bindings, has become so sophisticated that it takes real foolhardiness or rotten luck to end up with a limb in plaster. No, the growing danger is the high speed at which, even staid, recreation skiers now travel when this is combined with the crowds on the pistes. Collision accidents - resulting in split heads, not broken ankles, are

the hazard to be avoided these days.

The resurgence of cross-country skiing is as much a reaction against the razzmatazz of downhill piste-bashing as against its risks. Ski mountaineering and ski touring too are subjects of increasing interest, as those who enjoy being in the mountains as much as the excitement of downhill skiing seek out quieter pleasures.

Ski racers thrill millions as they hurtle downhill at speeds which are frightening to contemplate. Slalom skiers, jumpers, and free-stylers demonstrate skills that the week-or-two-a-year holiday skier can only admire from the sidelines or in front of a television screen. And if I'm out there, I would rather be skiing.

Shona Crawford Poole

ADVENTURERS

Heavenly runs on powdery reaches

own winding mark on an untouched mountain side.

The handbook on hell-skiing issued by Candian Mountain Holidays gives a frank warning that there are risks. Avalanche is an ever-present danger despite the shrewd and long-experienced watch kept by the guides, and 10 skiers have been killed by avalanche in the 19 years the company has been operating.

They also calculate that for every 14,000 skier days, one person will break a leg. "This is mountain skiing in a totally uncontrolled environment", the brochure says. "It is not just powder-skiing, it is skiing on broken snow. This can mean anything from the best snow you have ever experienced to the worst. The skiing can be very difficult at times. Unless you are

prepared to accept this, please don't come."

This caveat accepted, the advantages are great. Skiing is done from a series of comfortable lodges far out in the wilds and the company gives a money-back guarantee of 100,000 feet of ski descent, covered in the package price.

According to David Brooksbank, of Powder Skiing in North America, a skier will cover on average 140,000 vertical feet in a good week - paying for the extra per thousand vertical metres. "The best we did was 45,000 feet in one day. It was superb. The scenery is magnificent and the sense of remoteness really spectacular", he says. Each group is led by a very experienced guide. The runs are generally 3,000 feet each and with brisk helicopter logistics it

is possible to fit in eight runs on a good day. It depends on the strength of your legs.

"Fitness is rather more important than deep-snow ability. That can be taught although it is best to be able to handle any sort of snow conditions before trying this kind of skiing", David Brooksbank says.

There are other ways a skier seeking to escape the piste and après-ski circle can do so. In Scandinavia where skiing is as much a form of transport as it is a sport there are many fine cross-country courses through rolling water countryside. There is a quiet, purposeful rhythm to moving on the lightweight Scandinavian skis with their curious loose-heel bindings.

Mr John Noble, managing director of Travellers, believes that an average competent piste skier should be able to master the loping style of the Scandinavian skier without too many problems and derive great satisfaction from a more subtle skiing dimension. Noble, a long-experienced mountaineering instructor, Antarctic survey

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Far out on the adventure trail

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worker and Nordic coordinator for the English Ski Council, organizes two ski programmes that take in the famous European Citizen ski races of the Königsberg Lauf at Oberammergau and the Engadine ski marathon at Pontresina.  
Travellers also include 12-day ski tours in Lapland and on the Norwegian ski trails using a string of isolated alpine huts. The tour covers about 20km a day across rolling terrain. Perhaps the most striking tour the company offers is a crossing of the famous high-level routes between Chamoinis in France and Zermatt in Switzerland, a superb ski traverse through the most spectacular part of the Pennine Alps.

I, my wife and a drinking companion started the tour, without guide, on a grey day in early May, taking the easy way by cable car to the Grand Montets from Argentier, 8km outside Chamoinis. It was the last cable car of the day, and we skied from the top station down the long slope to the Argentier glacier and hut, cranking regularly to the ground because of the unaccustomed heavy load we were carrying. We were massively over-equipped with axes, rope and too much extra clothing, but being guideless we feared being caught out by bad weather.

In fact, the crossing was smooth with good visibility all the way and the passage of several hundred skiers before us had etched ruts in the snow to give a perfect guide to the Fenêtre de Chamoinis, the narrow pass which can be the most difficult part of the route in bad visibility.

The haute route is not to be taken lightly and the safest way to cover the most spectacular ski trail in Europe is with an organized party. We took five days to reach Zermatt and decided against covering the last leg around the base of Monte Rosa to Saas Fee. We discovered my wife, who had been unaccountably slow throughout the tour, was four months pregnant.

Ronald Faux

Details of Canadian mountain holidays may be obtained from Powder Skiing in North America, 61 Donemise Street, London SW6 6TJ (07-531 5131). A 7-day package in the Bugaboos including 7 nights accommodation, three meals a day, 30,500 metres of skiing and guide services costs from \$3,375. Transatlantic air travel costs about £340 return. Travellers are at Waterville, Kendall LA9 4HE (0539 28334). The 12-day (November train) Oct-27s, the Alpine traverse, also 12 days, £485, and the two-week Arctic journey is £555 including an internal flight to the Arctic from Stockholm.



Looping the loop: Mike Nemesvary, aged 22, the British and European Freestyle Champion, demonstrates his aerial skills

A wild romance with the West in winter

STATESIDE

Being in love with a place is not very different from being in love with a person. The crux of the condition is fascination. Liking, never mind admiration or approval, has less to do with this curious state than an insatiable interest.

The American west in winter is its geographical weakness. Its superb skiing is a powerful draw, of course, and is the reason I found myself there in the first place. But it is not just the snow that keeps pulling me back. It is something to do with the past being so recent, so nearby out of sight in this part of the world.

One keeps bumping into it. In Vail, Colorado, there is a ski run called Tin Pants, a name that is only just round the bend of history. Loggers who worked the mountain before ski lifts arrived walked up to it work, and the leather britches they wore for their rugged toil stayed supple enough while they sweated through the day. But at nightfall the britches became so stiff with cold that the men could slide back home down the mountain on them.

Today there are telephones, free tissues and trail maps at the end of runs with names that commemorate a wilder past. The Hoist, Pick'n'Shovel, Glory Hole, Silver Quip and Lost Prospect keep alive the mining history of Park City, 27

miles east of Salt Lake City, Utah. And so do some of the youngsters who start the winter as seasonal workers in the tourist business and end it, to the consternation of the authorities, as freelance miners. High silver prices have made it worth their while to reopen old workings and to pick over the spoil of long-abandoned mines.

It is a funny place, Park City, an eccentric mix of old, new, and plain peculiar. The main street is tarted up old town with lengths of boarded sidewalk, Victorian street lamps outside and reproduction Tiffany casting a warm light within.

At Jantaux, said to be the best French restaurant in town, worth their while to reopen old workings and to pick over the spoil of long-abandoned mines. For the rest it is the straight, salad-fired American meal ticket.

But Utah's liquor laws are something else again, and once mastered to the point where thirst is no longer a serious impediment to pleasure, provide hours of genteel amusement. This is brown paper bagging country. They say so themselves. "Set-ups" of glasses, ice and mixers (the term could apply equally to the price charged for them) and two per cent beer are all that the bars are allowed to sell.

This carry-on adds a frisson of schoolboy furtiveness to "scotch straight-up in a highball glass, no ice, and a soda back, no ice either", which is the best way to get a warm whisky and soda if the barman will stand still long enough to listen. After the French steak there was a pop concert at the Egyptian Theatre, heyday 1926. It was an animated small-town crowd of bright-eyed youngsters - a sea of shining hair, American teeth and well-filled sweaters. Darkness and the gasping opening number were reciprocated with a storm of whistling and stomping. Beer bottles clanked down the aisles, and adolescent sophisticates filled cocktail glasses from gallon cooler jugs.

Next day the weather for skiing was not too bright, but then neither were we.

Park City's skiing, by the way, is really excellent. The ski area drops from 10,000ft to a base of 6,900. The season is a long one, from mid-November to the end of April, and in addition to the 650 acres of powder bowl skiing there are 69 groomed runs (26 expert and 32 intermediate) on an average of 300 inches of snowfall per winter.

The town is growing fast. Away from its nineteenth-century centre much of the surrounding area is a busy building site as resort development proceeds apace. Unusually for America, Park City can be

skied and enjoyed to the full without a car. For those who have one, two more famous winter sports centres, Snowbird and Alta, are within easy driving distance for a day's skiing. American ski resorts are owned and run by corporations; in Park City's case by its sister resort, Alpine Meadows on the north shore of Lake Tahoe on the California-Nevada border. There are many more steep runs at Alpine Meadows than its gentle name suggests and tall pines line many of them.

Lake Tahoe is ringed with ski resorts, all of which can be skied from one base in the area unless heavy falls of new snow make the driving distances temporarily impracticable. Northstar at Tahoe is an intermediate's paradise of immaculately groomed runs with spectacular views of the lake.

Squaw Valley, which was developed for the 1960 Winter Olympics, is my favourite resort in this area. Its huge, sunny superbowl is a beautiful dream. Special attractions include wide, steep runs which often have a groomed and therefore lump-free hand down one side that can be a great encouragement to facing downhill in the prescribed manner.

Squaw's high hill, the legendary KT22, is still awaiting my full attention. There is an illuminated run (safe but badly cut) down the front for those who cannot go home without saying they have skied it, but its real attractions are the fearfully steep open trails that plunge down the dark side of the mountain.

Snow fun if they're too young

FOR CHILDREN

When we first took Alexandra skiing she was six. We kitted her out in a snazzy little ski suit, chose a smart downhill resort, booked her in for a course of lessons at the ski kindergarten, and then went off to hide around the corner. An hour later we had her back in tears. She didn't like skiing. We hadn't thought of that.

In the course of the next week we learned one basic lesson about family skiing. If the children don't enjoy their skiing, neither will their parents. The kids will see to that. This being so, and a lesson well learned, it pays to devote a little time to planning that annual ski trip with their interests in mind, and over the last few years we have become a little crafty.

It is pointless to take the children skiing if they are too young or not the sporting type, which was our first basic mistake. Learning to ski can be quite hard work for small children. Children should be eight years old or over, though perhaps a little younger if they are very bossy. They cannot be expected to share their parents' enthusiasm for endless hours of resort, so choice of country and resort are critical. After years of

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Once you get there, the cost of skiing in the United States covers a price range similar to that of equivalent resorts in Europe. The fancy places charge fancier prices than the more basic ones. But your calculations must include the cost of getting to the United States, and car hire is usually essential.

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study, and a few more mistakes, we now usually opt for Austria.

But the real advantage of Austria is that there is plenty for the children to do apart from skiing.

Just remember to pack their swimsuits and half your problems may be over. As most Austrian holidays are based in hotels, they soon find other children to play with.

An Austrian night life, also goes down a storm with the children, who will wait all year to spend another evening watching "The Woodchopper's Tanz".

Once the country and the style of holiday have been settled, the next problem is to choose a suitable resort.

The golden rule, though, is to make the skiing fun and not a chore. One sure way to do this is to take The Friend.

Having got them out there willingly enough, your next task is to keep them happy and comfortable for the duration.



Making tracks: A boy gets popeyed in Quebec (top) and Nordic skiing in the Jura mountains

on the first day making sure that their boots fit properly and that their skis are not too heavy.

This provokes howls of outrage, but it prevents frostbite. Finally, before we push them out the door each morning, we give them enough money for frequent snacks and drinks during the day.

Alexandra is older now and looks forward eagerly to her annual ski trip, which is rather more than we do, for as the children get larger so do the bills.

Rob Neillands

Rounding up friends for a bargain holiday

GROUP DEALS

In a year when all the ski company brochures are crammed with special inducements, one sensible suggestion is often overlooked.

All the major ski holiday companies offer discounts for groups and if the party is large enough, the savings can be substantial.

If you have a sufficient number, therefore, it is sensible to book as a group and take advantage of the discounts available.

A number of ski-tour operators, notably those involved in the high-volume school skiing market, are now offering their experience in group travel and their considerable buying power in the resorts to adult groups.

If a club or company can assemble a ski group from among its members, the advantages of dealing with such a specialist operator can be considerable.

Comparing these prices with those in a range of brochures, they would seem to offer a saving of £35 per head on the basic holiday price and about £10 on the lift pass.

The choice of available resorts for group holidays is also expanding. Total Ski, a division of Hourmont Travel, another big company in the school skiing market, offers a choice of 15 resorts in four Alpine countries.

Hourmont has its own British Association of Ski Instructors staff, and offers 12 hours instruction for £12, and equipment hire at £12 for one week.

Clearly, the group skiing market is going to grow if prices remain as attractive as they are now.

R.N.

Walk in the white open spaces Cordon bleu and a little psychology

GOING NORDIC

Because downhill skiing is an industry it has generated its own particular brand of pollution - one of the mountain landscape by drab, modern, concrete resorts, unsightly ski lifts and the sheer press of people.

Downhill skiers have recently been deserting in droves to escape to the relative tranquility and simplicity of Nordic or cross-country skiing.

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Where to go and what to use

Detailed information and unbiased advice on resorts and equipment are free services to members of the Ski Club of Great Britain, 118 Eaton Square, London SW1, (01 225 4711).

Non members can send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the club's leaflet "Going Skiing". The leaflet lists dry ski slopes throughout Britain.

The Ski Show The Daily Mail International Ski Show opens today at Earls Court, London SW5. It runs until Nov 20, Mon-Fri noon-10pm, Sat and Sun 11am-7pm.

that cross-country skis are difficult to control going down the sort of slope used by downhill skiers.

Downhill and Nordic skiers therefore naturally head in different directions. The downhill resorts are sited near the big, steep Alpine mountainsides whereas the Nordic skier is looking for gently rolling hills and wants distance rather than height.

Alternatively, one of the superb long-distance traverses might be followed. This is the exact counterpart of a long-distance footpath in summer with many of the same problems and challenges.

On breathtaking routes among the giants

to be reasonably fit, able to read a map and carry a rucksack with your overnight things and a few necessities - a burden avoided by the village-based skier.

I traversed more than 100 miles of the Jura with a friend in the spring, covering most of the distance between Basle and Geneva. We started in Switzerland on La Haute Route and ended up in France on La Grande Traversée.

We averaged between 15 and 20 miles a day and, starting in mid-week, we did not meet more than half a dozen skiers in the first three days.

It took a couple of days for our muscles to attune to the pushing, sliding lunge which is so important if you are to cover the ground well.

On the trail we met all sorts. Sometimes there would be a chatter of skis behind us and a fit, sweating young man would go whizzing past, driving hard and fast like a cross-country runner in training.

taking the equivalent of a gentle country stroll. One of the great merits of cross-country skiing is that there is hardly any risk of breaking your leg.

On a couple of nights in France we stayed in gites or hostels with dormitory accommodation. In one, at Jougue, we had a superb raclette supper prepared by a charmingly inebriated patron: it cost £3 as opposed to £7 at the hotel.

To get in on the act, every downhill resort now has its network of cross-country trails, usually contouring the lower slopes. They can make a welcome break, particularly if the weather is bad higher up the mountainside.

Nordic skiing is growing fast with many of its followers coming from the ranks of the summer walkers or mountaineers who are drawn by the grandeur and quiet of the mountain environment.

Once you have the equipment, not only can you take off for holidays in Europe you are also poised to take advantage of our own unpredictable snowfalls.

Mike Banks

In Britain the specialists in cross-country ski tours are Waymark Holidays, 295 Little Road, London SW6 7LJ, (01-385 5015).

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Alex McWhirter has more hints for saving money on long hauls
How to fly around the world in a hundred different ways

Round-the-world (RTW) air fares are generally recognized as one of today's best travel buys. A trip around the world is no longer confined to the wealthy or those on expense accounts.



traveller heading down under can take a world tour for less than the peak season Apex fare to Australia alone.

Over the next few years, with the association oow adopting a more flexible attitude, more and more airlines jumped on the bandwagon. Today two or three carriers usually team up to offer their own global routings.

Romance and mystique still surround a world tour. RTW tickets are surprisingly economical as much as 60 per cent less than the full first or economy class fare.

- The first flight must be booked at least 21 days ahead;
● Travel must be in a continuous East-West or West-East direction;
● Once the ticket is issued there are charges for amendments;
● Some tickets restrict the number of stopovers you can make.

Taking the Pan Am/Cathay ticket via the North Pacific lets you travel from London to Tokyo with Cathay Pacific.

Stopovers are possible in Bahrain, Hongkong and Taipei. From Tokyo you join up with Pan Am, crossing the Pacific to California via Honolulu.

Off-the-peg RTW So far I have only covered the airlines' own tickets. If you have a simple routing you can make even bigger savings buying an "off-the-peg" RTW ticket.

For example, Rebo Travel offers a fixed routing in which you travel out to Sydney via South East Asia and return via Auckland, Honolulu and Los Angeles. The cost is £925.

Table with columns: Airline, First class, Economy class, Pacific routing. Lists airlines like Pan Am/Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, etc.

Cordon bleu and psychology

and tend to depend on the weather. When conditions are ideal, everybody is bound up in the skiing and has no time to complain.

For the most part the girls are remarkably resourceful in combining first-class cooking and adept management of the chalet with plenty of skiing.

which time children of eight and 10 were dead on their feet. The friction can mount if there are breakdowns in the chalet.

In larger chalets or small hotels run by the tour companies, the arrangements are different. Because the girls (and boys) carry out specific tasks,

Young ladies hailing from the Home Counties and the shires may be slightly taken aback to find that they are nothing more than waitresses, chambermaids and dishwashers serving the motley crew that go on ski packages.

None of this has been sufficient to spoil the chalet holidays we have taken. The

advantages, especially for a family, of the relaxed informal style combined with the unobtrusive value for money can transcend even quite major problems.

Bill Burroughs

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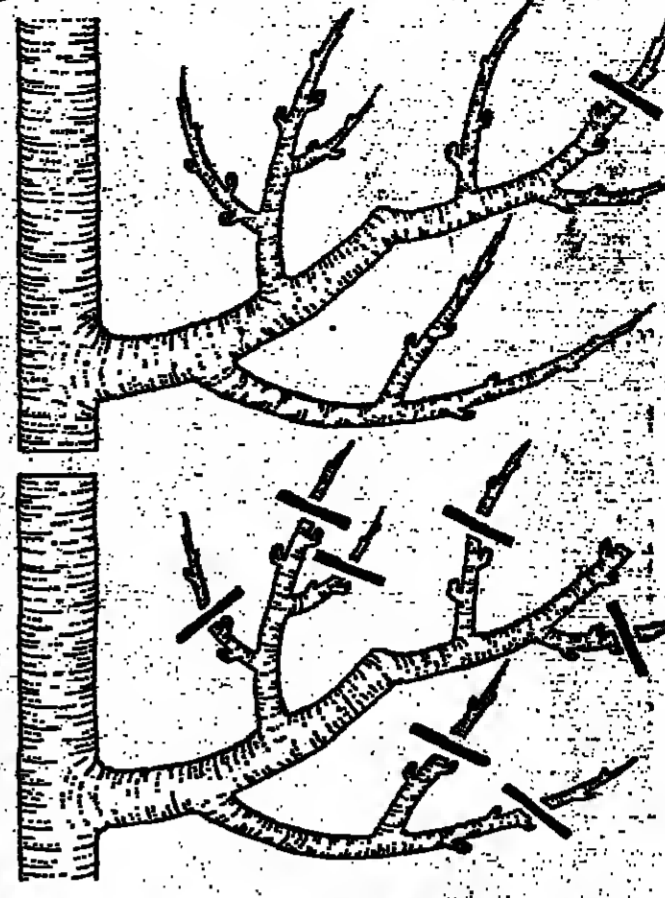
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Shaping up to that overgrown fruit tree

Left unpruned, fruit trees will continue to produce fruit but the quality will be impaired, because pests and diseases will be more prevalent.

Pruning follows a regular pattern. First remove all dead, diseased or dying wood. It is impossible to see the shape of the tree if there is wood which will be removed later.

Pruning can be done at any time the tree is dormant. It is better to tackle it before the end of the year but no harm will be done if it is not carried out until February.



Ashley Stephenson

Dormant dahlias Lift the roots carefully, trying to keep as much of the root as possible together. The more good-quality tuber there is, the better chance they have of lasting the winter.

Place the tubers in a box so that they are at least half covered with dry peat, etc. Store in a cool but well-ventilated shed or garage. Inspect regularly to make sure they are not rotting or shrivelling.

Winter indoors As the hours of daylight decrease and temperatures drop it is time to look at the plants inside the house.

Another point to remember: when the curtains are drawn in the evening bring the plants into the room; do not leave them trapped between window and curtains.

Look Chinese

DRINK

Tasteful revival of a Victorian tippie

Have some madeira, m' dear. You really have nothing to fear. I'm not trying to tempt you, that wouldn't be right.



by the same system that the port shippers use. One of the best serials comes from that traditional Portuguese house of Lomelino and this nutty, piquant amber-orange wine could easily double up as an aperitif and first course.

Vines struck by savage blights

These East or West Indies madraes became so highly prized that by the beginning of the nineteenth century a more practical method of heating madeira in an estufa, or heating room, had evolved and it is this somewhat rough treatment that eventually turned madeira into the tangy fortified tippie that we know.

Blady, another famous madeira name, have recently introduced a Ten Year Old Malmsey whose rich, dark brown, caramelized raisiny sweetness would make an excellent post-prandial alternative to port (Hedges & Butler, 153 Regent Street, London SW1, £9.50).

EATING OUT

Chocolate turkey gets the bird

In our continuing tour of world cuisines, this week's part of call is Mexico, home of chili con carne, tequila and guacamole.

Choccolate turkey gets the bird

and style, as well as its strategic place on the tourist circuit. La Cucaracha is a vast, suburban, hacienda-like network of rooms, with plain white walls and authentic-looking Aztec art.

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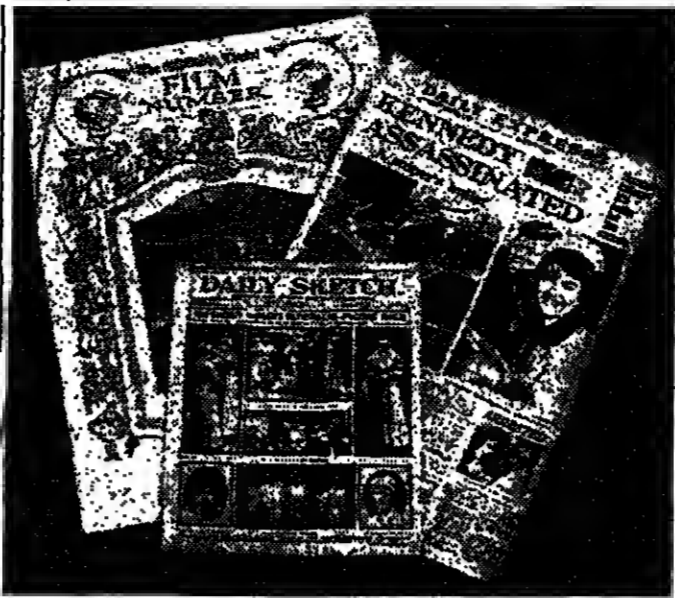
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The name game

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Paper chase

What happened on the day you were born? Robert Heron, of the Original and Rare Newspapers gallery in Covent Garden is such a specialist that he admits to having been "a bit sniffy" about anything later than the seventeenth century.

Each paper is packed in a tube, postage 50p extra, or if you forget a birthday until the last moment, you can order one day and collect the next. Available from The Anniversary Press, 46 The Market, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8RF...



Music makers

For early musical instrument enthusiasts, John Storrs makes a variety of kits which are based on historical harpsichords, spinets and clavichords.

chord (left) is £1,230.50 and other instruments can be seen at the Sixth Exhibition of Early Musical Instruments at The London Music Fair.

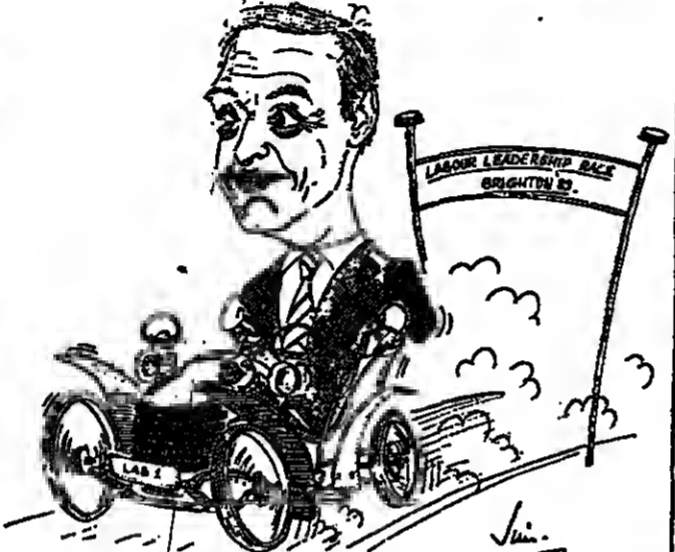


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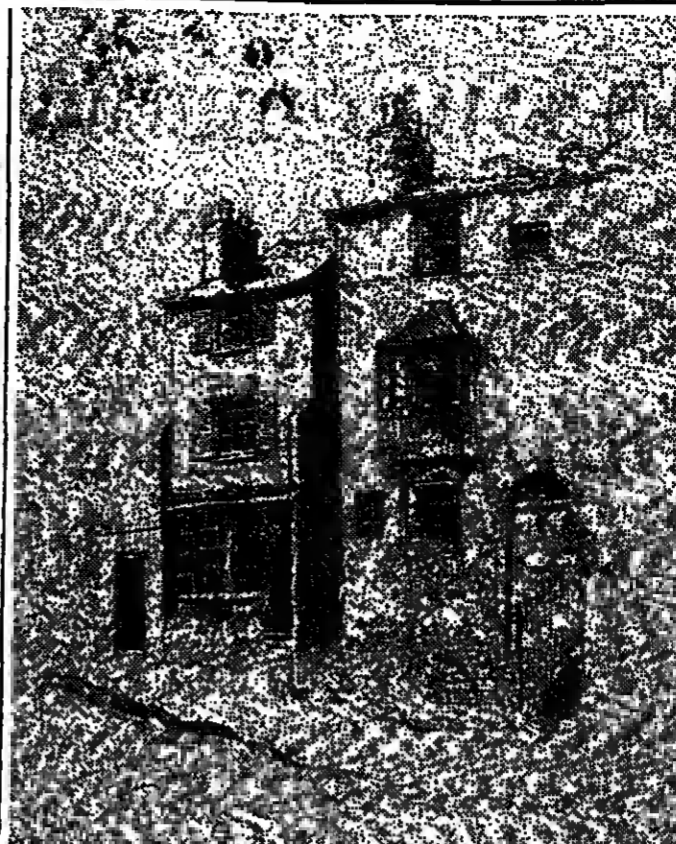
Kind caricatures

Have your nearest and dearest caricatured (kindly) by Jim Good. His speciality is the personalized cartoon (right), featuring some of the subject's main interests.



Heads you win

You may want your rival's head on a plate, but you can now have your lover's head on the wall (below right). Jessica Thomas is one of the few life-casters in the country, she covers the face of the sitter in plaster bandage, leaving holes for the nose and eyes...

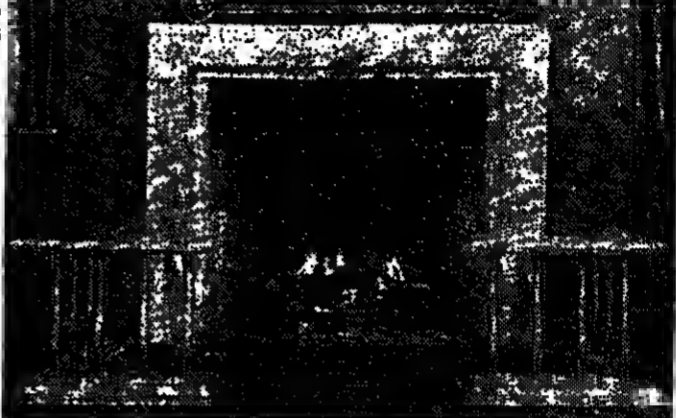


House warming

A property of character is the way the estate agents would describe any of the paintings by Lois Valeta: she gives the simplest house a most distinguished air (left). She uses a sepia tone and wash for the drawing, which gives a softer and warmer effect than black and white and she likes to include a child or animal in the portrait to make it more special for the family concerned.

A new-style club fender (below left) is hand made on classical lines with an ingenious design variation - it is made in two separate sections which will not only fit any size of hearth but can be formed into a square for use as an extra table for games boards or tea trays.

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Mussolini: Machiavellian in his thirst for absolute power

Thus, Mack Smith, in a few characteristically well chosen words, summarizes Mussolini. It is a verdict no one would challenge after reading this extraordinary biography. The life of Mussolini is all the more remarkable for the way in which it has been overshadowed by that of Hitler.

politics. But by the desperate end, he was forced to admit that fascism was simply opportunism; it embraced anything that would help *Il Duce* stay in power.

Maek Smith's able commentary concentrates, correctly, on the prewar period, when Mussolini was at his most powerful and when his vision of an Italy permanently engaged in imperial wars appeared to have at least a notion of a link with reality. By the time Italy was dragged, reluctantly, into the war in June, 1940, the fascist state was already falling apart.

Utterly incompetent as a military commander, he quickly represented a new school of

earned Hitler's contempt upon occasion, by boasting of troop reserves which did not exist. Two years after he took Italy into the conflict, illness and defeat had reduced him to a pitiful state, absent from meetings so frequently that the government of the country came to a standstill. Yet it was not until July, 1944, a few days after the first bombs had fallen on Rome, that he was deposed.

News of his arrest raced through Rome and Mack Smith records its effect. "Of the four million members of the party and an even larger number in the party's youth organizations, not one tried to organize any serious resistance, despite their solemn oath to defend the *Duce* and the party's pronouncement that they were all prepared to die for him."

The bout of insanity had ended. Not even Mussolini's release from captivity by Skorzeny's glider troops and his installation as Hitler's puppet could revive it. This timely and engrossing book not only sheds light on a half-forgotten dictator but also illustrates that fascism, as much as Mussolini, was a product of its time. Given the glib usage of the term today, it is a welcome reminder.

David Hewson

## Nice one from a pioneer wordsmith

Catch phrases are a territory bounded on the north by proverbs, on the south by famous quotations, on the east by cliché, and on the west by vogue slang. "Nice one" is a recent catch phrase that is carefully derived from its footballing, or less probably, from baking or showbiz origin in this dictionary. "Stick as a parrot" and "Over the moon", two catch phrases recently favoured by footballers being interviewed, are not included.

A Dictionary of Catch Phrases by Eric Partridge (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £5.95)  
The Fortuna Biographical Companion to Modern Thought edited by Alan Bullock and R. B. Woodings (Fontana, £8.95)

their words, their insights, or their actions, influenced the formation and development of modern thought and consciousness. It casts its net admirably wide. Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan are included as great thinkers of the twentieth century, but not Harold Wilson or Roy Jenkins sorry, chaps.

Who was Alfred Kroeber? Who is Krzysztof Penderecki? What was Fritz Zwicky's contribution to the twentieth century? If you need to know the answers to such questions, with little bibliographies for further reading, here is a useful new paperback for you.

Philip Howard

## Better murder than meanness in the family

Ivy Compton Burnett is not like anyone else. In her novels, which seem so firmly rooted in the conventions of ordinary family life, extraordinary events occur.

People commit suicide, they cheat and they murder each other and get away with it. In her own family life, which seems on the surface to be typical of its time, there is, similarly, a suggestion of discordant emotions just containable, and the temptation to break away only narrowly missed.

Elders and Beggars by Ivy Compton Burnett (Alison and Busby, £2.95)  
More Women than Men by Ivy Compton Burnett (Alison and Busby, £2.95)  
Ivy When Young by Hilary Spurling (Alison and Busby, £3.95)

she is dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs. She then both consoles and reproaches herself with the thought: "Better murder than meanness. What are called the little things are the gravest human wrongs. No recognized wrong, even though it were injury or death, takes its place beside them in the scale of human harm." These small acts of meanness provide the plot.

In *Elders and Beggars* an extensive family network is set up to explore the varieties of rivalry which may operate both between and within close-knit families. In almost ritualistic



Togetherness: Marie Bailey with husband David, from Patrick Lichfield's *The Most Beautiful Women* (Elm Tree Books, £6.95), a view of the world's beauties which shows impeccable taste

## Under the mask of a Hollywood legend

The Man you Loved to Hate by Richard Koszarski (OUP, £7.95)

The most intriguing role he ever wrote, played or directed was his own. He entered the United States in 1909 as Erich Oswald Hans Carl Maria von Stroheim, aged 24, the son of a German baroness and Austrian count, a graduate of the Imperial Military Academy at Wienerneustadt, who rode into battle over Bosnia Herzegovina, and rode out in an ambulance with 16 inches of lead in his 5 1/2 ft frame.

But the Hans, the Carl, the Maria, the count, the baroness and the coveted "von", not to mention the 16 inches of lead, were embellishments - part of an elaborate fiction to identify him from the other poor emigrants who flooded into the New World before the First World War. His real name was Erich Oswald Stroheim, the son of a Jewish Viennese hatter, who may or may not have fled the Old World after being rescued from debt by a rich uncle on condition that he went.

This detached, literate biography tells how the imaginative young man used people and his own talent to emerge from a succession of odd jobs to become a writer, actor, director and one of three so-called legendary figures of early Hollywood. "The most brilliant, obsessive, secretive, far-sighted and self-destructive of them all is how the blurb describes him - justifiably."

Von Stroheim made films in those pioneering silent days, in the conviction that the cinema was an art form. He worked without formulas, without any particular technique, shaping silent movies like a poet.

That is what the book says anyway. Some of the examples can make this sound high-falting. *Queen Kelly*, produced in 1928-29, which ran into trouble with the censors, told of Kitty Kelly (Gloria Swanson), a convent girl who after being abandoned by a lustful Kurlanjan prince and horse-whipped from his palace by his resentful wife, ends up running a brothel in Dar es Salaam.

Erich von Stroheim: Brilliant, far-sighted and self-destructive

tionist, who did all the things Hollywood directors are supposed to. When an actress in *Queen Kelly* objected to being filmed bare-breasted, he gave her a white cat to cuddle, and when the cat got fed up and scratched her, he got the cat white mittens.

He has been compared with Chaplin, without Chaplin's business acumen. Few have been compared with von Stroheim. He died in 1957, paralysed by cancer, having lived long enough to play Rommel in Billy Wilder's wartime *Five Graves to Cairo*. "You've been 10 years ahead of your time," Wilder told him when they met. "Twenty," snapped "Mr Von" (as they called him) in reply.

Henry Stanhope



Convent girl: Gloria Swanson, star of Queen Kelly

## Cuckoos, cricket and chamber pots

While gardening on February 6, 1913, Mr Lydekker heard a note which he felt sure was that of a cuckoo. He wrote an excited letter to *The Times*, pointing out that there had been no authentic record of the arrival of the cuckoo in Britain earlier than April 6. But alas, Mr Lydekker wrote a few days later saying that the "cuckoo" was in fact a bricklayer working nearby who imitated the bird's note.

People waiting at a bus stop in Scarborough were also deceived in January 1948. They were sure that they had heard a very early cuckoo, but it was Mr Hezekiah Johnson, a roadsweeper, who had also perfected the bird's song.

The latter tale comes from *Amazing Times*, a selection by Stephen Winkworth of letter articles from this newspaper which prove that the world has a bizarre and unexplored side

The First Cuckoo: Letters to the Times since 1900 chosen by Kenneth Gregory (Unwin Paperbacks/Times Books, £2.95)  
Amazing Times Amusing and Amazing Articles from the Times chosen by Stephen Winkworth (Unwin Paperbacks, £2.95)

place. As Mr Winkworth observes, when *The Times* reports that the Bishop of Bath has no soap, or a woman of 101 enjoys sliding down banisters, it is all the more comic because the source is authoritative.

Much of human life is here: the couple who made their home in a dog kennel, the woman who lived in a tree, the sailor who hid his girlfriend in his kidbag to try to avoid paying her train fare and the two old men who fought and survived a duel. They stood 5ft apart, 12 bullets flew, but as one was almost blind and the other had

to support himself with a stick, no damage was done.

Back to cuckoo. Kenneth Gregory has revised *The First Cuckoo*, a selection of witty, amusing and memorable letters to *The Times* since 1900 by adding a further batch from 1975 to 1980, which prove that later correspondents lack none of the fury and outrage, eccentricity and wit of their predecessors.

Their subjects include toads wrongly accused of attacking goldfish, knitting needles that no longer make a comfortable clicking sound, and the disappearance of chamber pots in guest bedrooms.

A fascinating anthology, with cricket as a recurrent theme. The game has prompted more letters to *The Times* than all of our sports and pastimes combined.

Penny Symon

## PREVIEW Theatre

### Grace in the grotesque, passion in the perverse

When Boh Fosse's *Dancin'* opened on Broadway, the New York critics were dumbfounded. Whether dancing could carry a whole show with no plot, no characters, and no original music. The answer, five years and a Tony award later, was yes. The show opens on Monday at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, with an American cast in dancing fever.

"An explosion of energy on stage is the only way I can describe it," said the show's producer, Tom Arnold. "It is entirely plotless and the company are all equal and may play different parts if needed. With two hours and six minutes of occasional accidents. We have a massage therapist standing by full time because it is physically so demanding."

Fosse's definitive statement on the stage musical

The 18 dancers - 14 on stage and four in reserve - are drawn largely from the New York and touring productions. The show has been tightened up since Broadway and two less successful numbers cut.

Fosse, who choreographed *Fajana Game*, as well as numerous other Broadway musicals over the years (including *Damn Yankees*, *Sweet Charity* and *Chicago*), regards *Dancin'* as his definitive statement on the stage musical. In the past few years he has concentrated more on films and has directed, among others, *Cabaret* and *All That Jazz*.

*Dancin'* evolved in a workshop studio in New York, where Fosse and his dancers worked on experimental sketches. Gradually they built up material for a show. He chose music and lyrics from diverse composers - Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller, Erik Satie, Cat Stevens, Louis Prima and Neil Diamond.

The show looks back to the influences on the musical. There is a recreation of Beany

Goodman and his band in the Prima number "Sing, Sing, Sing", and there are constant switches from one aspect of dance to another. The missing "g" in the title is significant - it is the American way of describing show dancing, as opposed to ballet or modern dance.

Arnold regards the centrepiece as "Dancin' Man", a tribute to Fosse to Fred Astaire, danced by the entire company dressed as Fred Astaire, in white with candy-striped neckties worn as belts. Tapping, soft-shoeing, thigh-slapping and hat-tipping, everyone becomes Fred Astaire, the man acknowledged as the most important influence on American show dancing.

Fosse's own original, angular style was described by Jack Kroll of *Newsweek* as a "rashly personal body lingo that goes way back to the Chicago burlesque houses where Fosse danced as a kid. It's essentially a comic style; Fosse finds grace in the grotesque and passion in the perverse... he lives dislocated hips, whipping head rolls, nunch instead of a port de bras. Where ballet etches, Fosse carves..."

The London production is being re-staged by Gail Benedict, a Fosse pupil and one of the original dancers in the Broadway show. As soon as it opens here, the search will be on to find a British cast to take over in six months' time.

"It will take a full six months to find new dancers," said Mark Krause, the show's American production manager. "Although there are plenty of well qualified dancers, they will need training in the Fosse style. But with the new emphasis on dance in London, it seems this is the perfect time to launch the show."

Clare Colvin

*Dancin'* is previewing at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2 (836 8108) tonight at 5pm and 8.30pm. It opens on Mon at 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm.



Springing into action: The versatile company of *Dancin'* in a sequence titled *Fourteen Feet*, to music by Cat Stevens

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS Costelloe (£28.25) Today at 7.30pm and 7.30pm, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory with *Master Harold* by Athol Fugard (preview Fri at 7.30pm)

DAVID MAMET'S MENACING ACCOUNT OF THE shark-spiral world of US real-estate salesman has a resonance that spreads wide; a cast including Jack Shepherd and Tony Hayward in top form do it justice.

HAPPY FAMILY Dicks of York's (836 5122) Ends Nov 28, Mon-Thurs at 8pm, Fri and Sat at 5.45pm and 8.30pm. Giles Cooper's clever, disturbing 1960s comedy about three grown-up siblings imprisoned in childhood ritual is still theatrically gripping and full of psychological and political nuance. Excellent direction by Maria Aitken of an impressive cast led by Ian Ogilvy and Angela Thorne.

THE HARD SHOULDER Aldwych (838 5404) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 2.30pm. Enjoyable bitter comedy starring Stephen Moore as a fledgling property tycoon unexpectedly foisted by motortruck plans. Witty and thoughtful, it combines well observed social satire with a sinister political parable.

HAY FEVER Queen's (734 1188) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 2.30pm and 8.15pm. Noel Coward's 1920s comedy about a theatrical family and their

Critics' choice mixed bag of persecuted house guests remains hilarious after any number of revivals, and Penelope Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners born.

LEAR The Pit (628 8795/838 8891) Today, Wed and Thurs at 7.30pm. In repertory with *Mollie* by Mikhail Bulgakov (Mon and Tues at 7.30pm), and *Taruffe* by Niccolò (Fri at 7.30pm)

Probably his greatest play, Edward Bond's grim prophetic fantasy on themes from *King Lear* is an even more compelling in this close-quarters studio setting. Squamous viewers need a torture warning: otherwise Bob Peck and the cast promise a provocative, very rewarding experience.

LUCKY BAG King's Head (228 1916) Fortune (835 2238) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.45pm; matinees Thurs at 3pm. Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by

Denise Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Gil's 1922 musical recasts *Cinderella* in the anyone-for-terrors age. Modest staging (originally at the King's Head); but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Barbican (828 8795/838 8891) Today at 2pm and 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm, Thurs at 5pm and 7.30pm. In repertory with *The Tempest* (Mon and Tues at 1.30pm), and *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand (Fri at 7.30pm)

Terry Hand's production is a sheer delight and the outstanding success of the Royal Shakespeare company's current Barbican season. Derek Jacobi and Sinead Cusack make a Benelock and Beatrice of exceptional wit and charm.

PACK OF LIES Lyric (437 3598) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm, matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Hugh Whitmore's powerful study of a decent couple whose quiet suburban life is destroyed by a Kroger-style spy case. Judi Dench and Michael Williams fit impressively tragic performances in the most humdrum surroundings.

THE RELAPSE Lyric, Hammermith (74 2311) Ends Nov 25, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm and Sat at 4pm

Sir John Vanbrugh's classic comedy boasts the greatest of all Restoration far parts. In William Gaskill's production, Poppington is played with relish, style and an astounding vocal repertoire by the inimitable Simon Callow. A rather uneven cast also includes Nicky Katt and Oliver Cotton.

WOZZA ALBERICI Criticism (830 8216) Mon-Fri at 8.30pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Black South Africa's cry from the heart. Virtuosos in multiple part doubling and co-ordinating on a bare stage. Percy Mitwa and Mibongi Ngema enact the often funny, finally heart-breaking consequences of Christ's choice of both's Johannesburg for his second coming: adoption as white propaganda figure, arrest as a Communist agitator, and resurrection on the third day with Albert Lutuli and Steve Biko.

### Out of Town

COVENTRY: *Belgrade* (8263 2028). Saint Joan by George Bernard Shaw. Opens Thurs at 7.30pm. Until Dec 3, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinees Nov 23 and Nov 30 at 2.30pm.

Directed by Robert Hamlin, with cast headed by Michael Copey, Jimmy Robert, Alan Surtees, Colin Tarrant.

CRAYDON: *Ashcroft* (888 8291). *Equipping Rita* by Willy Russell. Mon-Fri 19, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat 1.5pm and 8.15pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm. Oxford Playhouse production, starring Bill Simpson and Isiah Benham as the university professor and his irrepressible student.

EDINBURGH: Royal Lyceum (631 2280). *White Rough* by Robert Bryden. Until Nov 26, Tues-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 8pm; matinee Nov 28 at 4pm. In repertory with *Beyond the Hills* by Lewis Griffiths, *Man and Boy* 21, then Nov 18-Dec 3 at 8pm. Benny Young and Russell Hunter in a revival of *Play*, set in Clydesdale 1814-18, which caused a sensation when first performed in 1972. Nicholson's play gets its first British performances, after attracting attention in the United States.

NOTTINGHAM: Playhouse (8662 418419). *Repertory* season. *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder. Wed at 7.30pm. Comedy which formed the basis for the musical *Hello Dolly!* With Carol Talbot, John Tumer.

Long Day's Journey into Night by Eugene O'Neill. Skiddies Room. Thurs at 7.15pm. Carol Talbot, John Tumer, Eric Allan, George Winter with Tyrone parents and sons in O'Neill's autobiographical masterpiece. *Coriolanus*. Thurs at 7.15pm, Fri at 10.30am (school performance). Gregory Floy, Richard Kerrin, Philip Lawrence and Richard Meyes in Shakespeare's most "political" play. *Candida* by George Bernard Shaw. Today, Mon and Fri at 1.15pm. Linda Gardner, Philip Lawrence, Gregory Doran, in Shaw's comedy. *Weather Course* and *The Children* by Bertolt Brecht. Tues 7.15pm. Miriam Karlin leads in what is perhaps Brecht's greatest play, set in the Thirty Years War.

OLDHAM: *Colliseum* (061824 2829). *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serraillier, adapted by Roy Robinson. Until Nov 26, Tues-Sat at 7.30pm

World premiere production of this stage adaptation of the story of four children searching wartime Europe for their parents. Directed by Steve Addison.

SALISBURY: Playhouse (0722 20333). *The School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Last performance today at 8pm and 8.15pm. Michael Stroud, Julie Chambers, Keith Drinkel and Robert Aldous head the cast, directed by David Horlock.

THURS: Ben Travers. *Opera House* at 8pm. Until Dec 10, Tues, Wed and Fri at 7.15pm, Thurs at 8pm, Sat at 8pm and 8.15pm. Also Dec 5 at 7.15pm. Ben Travers's classic 1920s farce, set in a haunted house in the wilds of Norfolk.

STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0782 2607). *Wives*. Mon at 7.30pm. New production, directed by Adrian Noble, with Daniel Massey, Richard O'Callaghan, David Schofield, Michael Meyer, Massie, Mon at 7.30pm, matinee Thurs at 1.30pm. Joseph O'Connor, Peter McNery, Nigel Cooke, Gemma Jones; directed by Ron Daniels. *The Comedy of Errors*. Today at 1.30pm. New production by Adrian Noble. With Peter McNery, Richard O'Callaghan, Zoe Wanamaker. *Twelfth Night*. Today at 7.30pm. John Caird directs Emrys Jones, Daniel Massey, John Tumer, Zoe Wanamaker, Gemma Jones, Henry Will. Tues and Wed at 7.30pm. First Stratford production since 1969. Howard Davies directs Richard Griffiths, Paul Greenwood, John Tumer, Sarah Berger, Gemma Jones.

STRATFORD: Other Place (0789 298623). *The Time of Your Life* by Raymond Sanjayan. Mon at 7.30pm. In repertory with *A New Year's Day*. *Play Old Dicks* by Ben Jonson (Tues and Wed at 7.30pm) and *Volpone* by Ben Jonson (Fri at 7.30pm).

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA: Dixon Studio, Palace Theatre (0782 42564). *Black and White*. Until Nov 26, Tues-Sat at 8pm. Well received on its premiere in London earlier this year, the play may have local origins, in that its author attended a preparatory school here, 1951-1956, and the story is a recollection of such a school in 1958. Directed by Christopher Durham.

Theatre: Irving Wardle and Anthony Masters

PREVIEW Galleries

PREVIEW Films

Hitchcock surfaces in a bewildering sea of talent

If there's a better movie in this LFF I'll jump off Waterloo Bridge... Adrian Turner writes in the programme booklet of the London Film Festival...

The booklet's blurb shower every film with confetti. It would be a pity, though, if ignorance or cynicism kept people away from the rich collection of material from Asia...

Geoff Brown

Although many films are now sold out, there remains a bewildering multitude of choices. Here the booklet's small print may help...

The London Film Festival operates from the National Film Theatre, London W1 (499 8493). Today 10am-5pm and Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm...

PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHIC-PRINT SHOW Hamilton Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London W1 (499 8493). Today 10am-5pm and Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm...

THE MAY BLITZ Open Eye Gallery, 90-92 Whitechapel, Liverpool (051 709 9450). Until Dec 10, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm...

THE COLOUR OF POMEGRANATES (U)

Camden Place (485 2443) Sergio Paradjanov's cascade of bizarre images and sounds, recreating the life and poetic work of the Armenian, Sayat Nova...

THE JUNGLE BOO (U)/MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL (U) Odeon Leicester Square (930 0631) Walt Disney's glorious cartoon treatment of Rudyard Kipling...

Critics' choice

Expect no easy wallow in old films and fashions: the director is Andrei Tarkovsky, the Russian cinema's intellectual poet...

Films on TV

By a quirk of scheduling two of the best examples of the British "new wave" of the 1960s are being shown almost simultaneously on Friday night...

David Storey's novel about the rise and decline of a Rugby League player and his doomed love affair...

It was a happy conjunction of talents. Richard Harris perfectly embodies the raw-edged hero, just as Rachel Roberts (excellent also as Finney's mistress in Saturday Night) is the epitome of suppressed emotion...

Peter Waymark Also recommended: Arise My Love (1940). Romantic comedy from a Wilder-Brackett script with Claudette Colbert rescuing Ray Milland from a firing squad during the Spanish Civil War...



IMAGE OF THE WEEK: It took photographer Bob Carlos Clarke eight days to make this unutilized multiple print of model Jilly Johnson. She was photographed in the studio, the mountains were from a set on Scotland and the townscape is the Elephant and Castle, south London...

PETALS FROM A LOTUS Cliffe Castle, Kelghley, West Yorkshire (0535 64184). Until July 1984, Tues-Sun 10am-5pm. Miniature paintings, bronze and stone sculpture, jewelry and textiles...

PAUL MAZE Browse and Derby, 19 Cork Street, London W1 (734 7947). Until Nov 28, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. A sample of the work of an artist described recently as "the lost Impressionist"...

ROMAN BRITAIN ON DISPLAY Room 40, British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1

(836 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm. The British Museum's rich collection of artifacts dating from AD43 to AD410...

LUCIAN FREUD Agnew's, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (529 6176). Until Fri, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm (7pm Thurs). One-picture show of Freud's latest work...

PREVIEW Music

In between the half-tones

Last year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival was outstandingly successful, and this year's, starting next Thursday, promises comparable adventures...

20, the Koenig Ensemble gives an all-Henze concert at lunchtime. Ligeia's Drei Phantastien has their UK premiere from the New London Chamber Choir...

Friday boasts two more multimedia concerts: an Arditi Quartet programme of Elliott Carter's Quartets Nos 2 and 3 and Xenakis's Terres, and a late-night flute recital by Pierre-Yves Artaud...

On November 21, the Vega Wind Quintet offers more Carter, more Saxton and more Bainbridge. In the evening, the cellist Alexander Bailis performs more Carter, more Henze, and an intermezzo by David Fanshawe...

On the morning of November

Max Harrison

Rock & Jazz

JOHNNY CASH Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081). Cash's latest album, 99, finds him in fine form...

BOBBY McFERRIN Tonight, Duke of York Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (836 5122). McFerrin's free-rolling vocal style has evolved from a first-class jazz soloist...

DEATH CULT Mon, Academy, Bournemouth. Bradford's answer to the Red Hot Chili Peppers...

COVENT GARDEN One very old production and one very new one this week. Domingo returns on Monday in a staging of Otello...

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA The Coliseum takes its next step on Wednesday with a production of a number of rarely heard operas...

Opera

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1068). Today at 1.30pm and 7.30pm, Thurs at 7.30pm. Rudolf Nureyev makes his first appearance of the season in The Tempest...

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Dance

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1068). Today at 1.30pm and 7.30pm, Thurs at 7.30pm. Rudolf Nureyev makes his first appearance of the season in The Tempest...

BALLET GALA Coliseum (836 3161). Tomorrow at 7.30pm. Peter Martins and Heather Watts from New York City Ballet, Italian ballerina Carla Fracci and members of the Tokyo Ballet...

DANCE UMBRELLA Riverside (748 3647). Today and tomorrow at 7.30pm. The festival ends this week. In London, Riverside has the Trisher Brown company tonight and a gala with members of several companies...

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ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Sunday 13 November 7.30pm.

THE GREAT BRITISH MUSIC FESTIVAL. Sunday 13 November 7.30pm.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL. Tuesday 14 November 7.45pm.

CITY OF LONDON CHORAL SOCIETY. Tuesday 14 November 7.45pm.

LEA NORTH CHAMBER SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA. Tuesday 14 November 7.45pm.

LONDON FILM FESTIVAL. Tuesday 14 November 7.45pm.

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Entertainments

Family Life

Chess

Going back to the beginning with the 'gifted' child

Coming out of my local bookshop the other day I bumped into a woman I hadn't seen for several years...



The book does point a finger, and a gentle one, at parents. Its title is slightly misleading, for while it does indeed lay down guidelines for parents...

Short cuts through the middle

There seems no end to the flood of new books on chess and, though the majority of these are concerned with the openings...

I remembered that she had taken her son away from the state primary at which he had seemed quite content...

The author suggests that with the exception of a few severely brain-damaged children, all babies are born brilliant...

Outings

Wilson, head of education - on a scientific or technological subject. It should appeal to all young scientists, not to mention inquisitive parents.

Bridge

Too much, too soon; too little, too late

"Would you prefer to cut so overbidder or an underbidder?" a correspondent asked me. My instant reaction was that it is a bit like asking a golfer if he'd rather have a wide hook or an incurable slice...

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 200)

Bridge game diagram with letters and numbers for a crossword puzzle. Includes clues like '1 Flinders (5)', '2 Highland pole (5)', etc.

The Ideal Xmas Gift for bridge addicts. Bridge with The Times. Only £6.95 post free. Includes a crossword puzzle solution.

Harlow Chorus

Sunday 28th Nov. 8pm at Harlow Sportcentre. BLISS: MORNING HEROES. A symphony for orator, chorus and orchestra. RICHARD BAKER - Narrator...

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Price: Concerts 1st, SW7. Tuesday 15 November at 7pm. ROM SINFONIA. Assistant: Nicholas Lunn. Symphony No 1 Vaughan Williams. Conductor: Christopher Adey.

ARMISTICE WORDS AND MUSIC for Remembrance Day

Brecht, Britten, Prokofiev, Rosenzweig and others. Fenella Fielding and Murray Melvin. Tickets: £2.00 (11 seats).

Barbican Hall

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASON 13 November-11 December. PAUL TORTRELLER. SHILOH: LSO BRASS WORKSHOP LSO brassworks work with top brass...

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

TCHAIKOVSKY. Tuesday November 15 at 6.30pm. Fantasy Overture Romeo and Juliet. Piano Concerto No 1. Symphony No 6 'Pathétique'.

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ART GALLERIES

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW: Dame Mary Donaldson, the first woman Lord Mayor, leads the parade through the City of London with 53 decorated floats and 30 marching bands on her chosen theme of "it is people that matter".

CRAFT SKILLS GALORE: Demonstrations of skills include lace, cane, basketware and jewelry, with plenty for sale, today and tomorrow at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3002), 11am-10.30pm.

BBC Television coverage of sport and other outside broadcasts may be affected by industrial action

today and tomorrow at Kenilworth Town Hall, London W8 (937 5484), 10am-7pm.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY UNION: Scotland, weakened by injuries, take on the New Zealand All Blacks at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, hoping to end a dismal sequence of 11 defeats and one draw in the last 12 matches between the two countries.

IN MEMORIAM: The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall, London attended by the Queen Mother and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

THE 1,000 DAYS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY: The second assassination in Dallas 20 years ago this month, is assessed in two radio programmes on successive Saturdays.

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES: An attempt, in the words of the producer Peter Barber, to "give women a rare opportunity to indulge in sexism".

Tomorrow

POPPIE: Royal Shakespeare Company's award-winning 1982 musical, by Peter Nichols, with music by Monty Norman, now with a mainly new cast.

NICARAGUA: A personal report by John Pilger on the little Central American republic which is trying to break the pattern of poverty, disease and dependence on the United States.

REITH: Tom Fleming, who has succeeded Richard Dimbleby as the hushed and reverential describer of royal occasions, returns to his original calling as an actor to portray Sir John Reith, founder and first director-general of the BBC.

Monday

GLC PAINTING COMPETITION: Artists living, working or studying in Greater London have an opportunity to share in almost £12,000 worth of prizes, and to have their paintings exhibited.

Tuesday

SUPERB ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS: A marvellous watercolour and book-colour view by Turner of "The valley of the Washburn", made for his close friend and patron Walter Fawkes around 1815.

Wednesday

CHRISTMAS STAMPS: The doves of peace and goodwill is the common motif on this year's set, designed by Tony Meuwissen, an illustrator from Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Thursday

LONDON FILM FESTIVAL: Among the films being shown in 125 programmes are two Libyan Gish silents and the "missing" Hitchcocks. See page 7.

Friday

CLUB: When a St Bernard dog catches rabbits, preposterous things must be expected, and Lewis' League's film of the novel by Stephen King does not fail to deliver them.

Saturday

THE LONELY LADY: Pia Zadora, putting star of the owl Buttery, valiantly continues her screen career with this hectic drama about an aspiring writer, from a novel by Harold Robbins.

Sunday

HOWZAT!: W. G. Grace opens the batting in a sale of cricketers today. The Parion ware figures of the most celebrated of cricketers is estimated at £200-£300.



The last cuppa: Ralph Steadman with the version of Leonardo's Last Supper which he painted on his bedroom wall and which appears in his idiosyncratic 'autobiography' of the artist, I, Leonardo (Jonathan Cape, £9.95). An accompanying exhibition is at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3002), from Monday

adoption, by Patsy Rodenburg, of Charlotte Brontë's novel, Villette. Caroline Noh directs. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (748 3354). Preview today at 8pm. Opens Wed at 7pm. Until Nov 20, Thurs - Sun at 8pm.

ENGLAND ON THE BRINK: Two matches today could decide whether England reach the finals of the European Football Championship in France next year. This afternoon Greece play Denmark and a Greek win or draw will leave England needing only to beat Luxembourg.

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The Private

At Home When snap decisions are costly

If hints hang heavily in the household atmosphere, about how nice it would be to have pictures on the Christmas tree, the need to replace that old Box Brownie makes the urge to cross to the other side of the camera shop window irresistible.

It is imperative that the photographer has a clear idea of what he requires of the camera. The first decision to make is how serious a purpose photography will be, since generally the more versatile the camera the more expensive it is.

However, it was the ease with which 110 type cameras could be used compared with most 35mm non-reflex cameras which prompted 35mm manufacturers to create a new niche in the market.

Picture quality is excellent, and a lot has been crammed into a very compact body. But more recent advances in the film automatically to enable rapid sequences of pictures to be taken - a boon at festive occasions.

Exposure, too, is automatic. The camera's microchip has been programmed to choose an optimum aperture and shutter speed for prevailing conditions.

The autofocus compact is aimed at the non-serious enthusiast, but no photographer would regret owning one, as in more serious application it is the perfect instrument for candid photos.

The natural choice for the serious enthusiast is the 35mm single lens reflex (SLR) camera, which offers a choice of lenses to fit the situation and subject matter.

However the program SLRs are available with very manual operation in addition to fully automatic programmed exposure calculation and semi-automatic aperture and shutter speed selection.

Good program SLRs include the Canon AE1, Canon T50, Canon AE1, Pentax Super-A, Mamiya ZE-X, Nikon FG, Minolta X-700, Nikon FE-1 and Contax 137M4.

Finally, there is the medium-format camera, using 2 1/4 inch by 2 1/4 inch negatives. These are the best cameras for portraiture. But all but the very expensive are more cumbersome than an SLR. They are not worth consideration by the amateur photographer.

Roy Cuckow Photomart, Modern Cameras, 4 Royal Exchange, Cornhill, London EC3 (01 826-4197). Cecil Jacobs, 61 Granby Street, Leicester (0533 544572).

CHRISTIE'S St. JAMES'S 8 King Street London SW1. Next week's sales: 15th at 10.30 am Important English Drawings and Watercolours; 15th at 10.30 am Stamps of Great Britain; 16th at 11.00 am and 2.30 pm Important Travel and Natural History Books and Atlases; 17th at 10.30 am Fine Claret and White Bordeaux; 17th at 11.00 am and 2.30 pm Important English Furniture, Eastern Rugs and Carpets; 18th at 11.00 am Important English Pictures; SUNDAY VIEW: Christie's St. James's will be open on Sunday, 27 November from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm for a special view of Indian and Islamic Manuscripts, Miniatures and Works of Art, Tribal Art, Rugs, Old Master Drawings, Architectural Drawings and Watercolours, Sculpture, Important Old Master Pictures and Highly Important French Furniture. Information on these sales on 01-839 9060/930 8870; SOUTH KENSINGTON: 85 Old Brompton Road London SW7; 15th at 2.00 pm Costume and Textiles, including 1950's and 60's Costumes; 16th at 10.30 am The Remaining Contents of Burfield Lodge, Old Windsor. Sold by Order of B.J. Looker, Esq.; 17th at 2.00 pm Mechanical Music; 18th at 2.00 pm Dolls; 21st at 5.00 pm Modern British and Continental Pictures; There will also be sales of Watercolours, Silver, Jewellery, Carpets and Objects of Art, Furniture, Pictures, Ceramics, Oriental Works of Art and Ceramics, Objects of Vertu and Prints. Information on these sales on 01-581 2231/3679; GENEVA: The Hotel Richemond; 12th at 6.30 pm Fine and Rare Wines; 13th at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm Art Nouveau and Art Déco; 14th at 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm European Porcelain; 14th at 8.00 pm and 10.00 am, 2.30 pm and 8.30 pm; 15th at 10.30 am and 3.00 pm Gold Boxes, Objects of Vertu and Decorative Jewellery; 15th at 5.00 pm Clocks and Watches; 15th at 8.00 pm and 10.00 am, 2.30 pm and 8.30 pm; 17th at 10.30 am and 3.00 pm Russian Works of Art and Objects by Carl Fabergé; 17th at 6.00 pm European Silver; Information on these sales on 01-839 9060/930 8870.

Collecting Proud owner's bombe surprise

"My husband hates this chest of drawers", the owner said. "He calls it a Frenchified, feminine, frivolous fake. But I believe it's really rather nice. It's Louis XV, I know - but which one?"

"Louis Armstrong, by the look of it", the valuer murmured. "A twentieth-century reproduction of a mid-eighteenth-century commode in the Louis XV style."

"Oh. Then my husband was right far once. Darn it. At least it's made of wood - except, of course, for the marble top and the metal mounts. I came across one recently that had a bombe carcass pressed out of hardboard, with paper-thin veneer over it. Not very nice."

"I can imagine. Last week, in a restaurant, I found myself faced with something called a bombe surprise. Fell a bit blown out myself, afterwards." "The same word. Bombe commodes - ones with blown-out curves - were developed in France in the early eighteenth century, first in a rather heavy form with three drawers, then a little later in a lighter, two-drawer version. The best ones were sans traverse - like this one."



Frivolous fake: Bombe-shaped commode in Louis XV style with marble top, ornamental mounts and floral marquetry decoration

"It was. And very expensive. When the commode was at the height of its popularity and occupied pride of place in the salon rather than the bedroom huge sums were spent on its elaboration. If yours were genuine, it would be worth thousands today - especially if it were stamped with the name of one of the famous makers."

Out and About Brooding horror by the bank

It was very much the late, late season for trout fly fishing. Rain drifted in the wind on the kind of cold November day when darkness creeps up soon after 3pm.

Lures, usually big and bright feathery flies, often come into their own in the autumn as imitations of the fry, the infant fish on which trout will gorge. On a quick-sinking line the lure crawled and jerked along the bottom, and then began to ascend as the retrieve pulled in more and more line.

The fly was very close to the surface, and a few feet from the bank when something lunged in, swirling the water. The attack was not the thwack and charge of a trout, one sharp butt-knocking swipe, but a lunge of a different kind. It seemed to come from under the fly, not from behind.

A green serpentine shape slipped away, sinking rapidly into the darkness towards a hole or weed patch close to the bank. It was a brief encounter with Exocoetidae, the pike.

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Gilt trusts

The Pru woos private money

The man from the Pru has designs on your investments. Already Britain's largest investing institution, with vast pension funds under its management, now the Pru wants to tempt the private investor to add his money to the pot.

Vivien Goldsmith

Life assurance

MP takes up interest issue

The payment of interest on life assurance policies in between the time they become a claim and the day on which the money is handed over has become a burning issue.

Following our article which highlighted this inequity, questions have been tabled in the House of Commons, by Mr Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton, North. He has asked if the Chancellor of the Exchequer would introduce legislation to require interest to be payable on life insurance policies from the date on which they fall due until such time as they are paid.

Mr Percy Richer, a solicitor, points out that the people who suffer because of the insurance companies' mean-mindedness are the very people who can least afford to lose out - widows and orphans.

Last week the Secretary General of the Life Offices Association, Mr Michael Oprek, defended the life offices and said that most of them did, in fact, pay interest. But Mr Richer is not satisfied and has been doing some research. His findings are in the table below.

Mr Richer says that the issue is not whether individual companies pay interest as a matter of course. No insurance company recognises an unqualified liability to pay interest - only payment is ex gratia as entirely at the company's discretion.

With the notable exception of Norwich Union, Legal & General, Sun Life and Standard Life, the insurers in the table either pay no interest on claims or pay interest only after a waiting period of one or two months.

With the exception of Standard Life which pays interest without deduction of tax, the others all subtract tax at 30 per cent. Elderly beneficiaries who could well be non-taxpayers might not realise that the payment has had tax deducted at source or that this could be reclaimed.

A lot of money is at stake. Last year, death claims totalled £772m. Assuming that the average delay before interest

starts to become payable is one month and that interest could be earned at 10 per cent, the loss to policyholders is £6.4m.

The Life Offices Association, which represents the insurance companies, refuses to concede that there is any injustice in this situation.

"Payment is geared to the production of title. It is not the claimants' money until title has been proved. I don't see that there is any inequity provided the delay is normal. The payment of interest from day one would be a solicitors' charter for doing nothing. We allow for the fact that there will be a delay of six to eight weeks when calculating the premium", says Mr Oprek.

But why can't the insurance companies acknowledge that interest is due and make a payment as a matter of course? "Because that is the way policies are worded", says Mr Oprek.

Mr Richer says that building societies and National Savings pay interest up to the time money is withdrawn - however long it takes to obtain probate.

"I am now of the opinion that there is a legal issue involved and an studying with Chancery counsel the feasibility of bringing a test case", says Mr Richer.

Lorna Bourke

Divorce

Putting a price on an ex-husband's life

Continental Life, the insurance group, has come up with a policy which every divorced woman should have - life cover on her former husband. Because if he dies, an ex-wife is not automatically entitled to anything from his life policy and if there is a new wife she will be the beneficiary.

One of the big difficulties in taking out life cover on a former husband is that he may feel so badly about the marriage break-up that he refuses to cooperate with the insurer to allow the insurer to check with his doctor. This used to mean that the ex-wife was unable to protect herself; she just had to hope he would continue making the maintenance payments and live long enough to see the children through school.

Not any longer. Continental Life's policy costs a bit more than usual but you can insure your ex-husband's life without him ever knowing. He does not have to have a medical or fill in any details about his health. All you have to do is sign a simple declaration that to your knowledge your husband is in good health, pay the premium, and you have instant life cover.

The policy is available to women within one year of obtaining their divorce nisi. The wife must have been granted a maintenance order by the court - however small - in favour of herself or the children.

Cover is for a fixed term - minimum five years, maximum, ceasing when the former husband reaches 65. Just two levels of protection are available - £25,000 or £50,000.

For example, a woman wanting to insure her ex-husband's life until he reached 60 would pay £14 a month for £25,000 of cover if he is currently between the ages of 36 and 40. The net cost after tax relief works out at £11.90.

Insuring a 55-year-old for £50,000 until age 60 works out at £54.40 a month after tax relief.

It is not cheap - and of course the ideal answer is to persuade your former spouse to co-operate and have a medical in the usual way. If he is prepared to do this the comparable cost of £50,000 worth of cover for a 55-year-old works out at only £25 with one of the middle-of-the-road companies like Commercial Union. Peace of mind is worth paying for.

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FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Midland, Barclays, Lloyds; Natwest 5 1/2 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. National Girobank 7 per cent. Lloyds extra interest 9 per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9 1/2 per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1, 3 and 6 months 8 1/2 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Table with columns: Fund, Flat, APR, Telephone. Lists various investment funds like Aikman Funds, B of Scotland, etc.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 2 & 3 years Canterbury Life 8.5 per cent. 3 years Canterbury Life 8.5 per cent. 4 years General Portfolio 8.5-10.5 per cent. Sentry Portfolio 9.75 per cent.

Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 9 1/4 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds Fixed term, fixed rate investments. Interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Lambeth 10 1/2 per cent. 2-3 years Hyndburn 10 1/2 per cent. 4-5 years Knowsley 11 1/2 per cent. 9-10 years Worthing 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Loans Bureau (01-828 7855 after 3pm); see also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Investors in Industry Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax. 3 years, 10 1/2 per cent; 4-5 years, 11 per cent; 6-10 years, 11 1/2 per cent. Further information from 31, 91 Watford Road, London SE1 (01-828 7822).

Finance house deposits (FHD) Fixed-term fixed-rate deposits. Interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty scheme: 6 months 9 1/4 per cent; 1 year, 9 1/2 per cent; 2 years, 10 per cent.

Foreign currency deposits Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Intl. Reserves 0481 26741. seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

US dollar 8.69 per cent. Yen 5.31 per cent. O Mark 4.80 per cent. French Franc 11.20 per cent. Swiss Franc 1.94 per cent.

October RPI: 340.7 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)

Large advertisement for National & Provincial Money Management. Features a typewriter graphic with '8-00% NET' and '11-43% GROSS' on the keys, and 'NO CHARGE' on the carriage return key. Text describes the benefits of the Money Management account.

Advertisement for STORAGE CONTAINERS. Features a photograph of a storage container and text: 'PRICES SLASHED!', 'VIRTUALLY VANDAL PROOF', 'We Can Deliver ALUMINIUM & STEEL', 'SUPER STRONG FLOORS', 'Mini Storage On Your Own Property. No Site Preparation Required.', 'REFRIGERATED UNITS AVAILABLE', 'AZTEC TECHNOLOGY CORP BUY NOW AND SAVE!', 'Tel. WINCHESTER (0962) 56318'.

Advertisement for National & Provincial Money Management. Text: 'With a National & Provincial Money Management account, you get high interest and your money is available immediately. What's more, you can make an immediate withdrawal without losing any interest. The more you keep in a Money Management account, the higher the interest your money earns. The table shows just how much interest you can expect, depending on the balance in the account at the time.' Includes a table with interest rates for different account balances.

Form for National & Provincial Money Management. Fields include: NAME(S), ADDRESS, POSTCODE, SIGNATURE(S). Includes a checkbox for 'Please send me/us more information on Money Management (please tick)'. Logo for National & Provincial, Formerly Provincial Building Society and incorporating Dunelm Building Society. Everyone's local building society.

FAMILY MONEY

Unit trust performance

These tables show the value on November 1 of £100 of units invested 12 months ago and three years ago - see income reinvested and based on an offer-to-offer basis. Figures supplied by Planned Savings Statistics

Table with columns for FINANCIAL, GROWTH, and FT Industrial Ord. Rows list various unit trusts and their performance metrics over 12 months and 36 months.

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ABBKEY U.S. EMERGING COMPANIES TRUST. An Authorised U.K. Unit Trust. Includes an eagle logo and detailed text about the trust's investment strategy and performance.

£5647 TAX FREE PLUS £2000 LIFE COVER NOW. Advertisement for Fraser Henderson Limited, featuring a large number and details about the investment product.

Base Lending Rates. Table listing interest rates for various banks and financial institutions.

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Unit trusts

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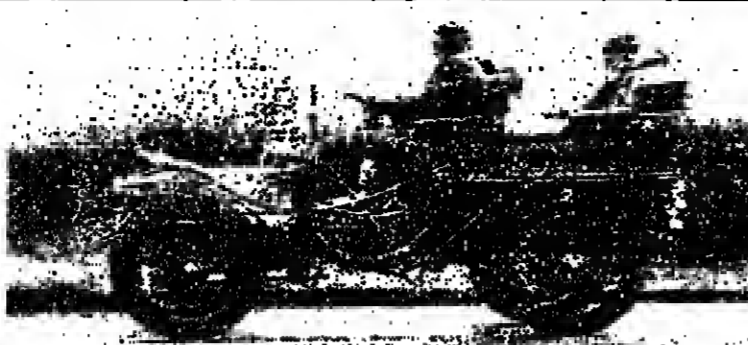
Insurance

Debt reform call

Reform of methods of debt collection are called for by the National Consumer Council...

Pensions plea

Greater equality for female members of company pension schemes is being pushed by the Equal Opportunity Commission...



Golden insurance

Veteran car owners are being courted with a motor insurance policy designed especially to cater to their needs...

1980 Aston Martin DB4 worth £8,000, aged 45, living in Bristol, works out at only 55p.

Unit trust package

Fund managers Henderson, the best performing unit trust group compared with the 10 major groups in the industry...

GRE premiums rise

Guardian Royal Exchange is increasing motor insurance premiums by an average of 8 per cent...

Have card, will travel

American Express is promoting the idea of "Cashless Venice" as a place for a short winter weekend break...

Investment

Split takes the T out of GT

The T has separated from the G in GT Management, one of the most successful private investment partnerships...

Health cover

Permanent health insurance to replace income if you are sick is a must if you are going abroad to work...

Venturing into industry

The European Venture Capital Association has been formed by 36 companies from Britain and six other EEC countries...

Insurance

A new deal on full cost cover

A new "no sum insured" house insurance scheme offering unlimited cover has been devised by the broker Clarkson Puckle...

Both provide an alternative to index-linked schemes, avoiding their inconsistencies and the need for regular updating.

Clarkson Puckle's scheme, like TSB's, does not restrict the cost of replacement or repair to any figure but pays out the full cost whatever it is.

All Clarkson Puckle's proposal forms want to know is the type of property, its age and the number of bedrooms.

The TSB's premium would be £61.75 in London, £55.85 in the Home counties and Scotland...

Business Expansion Scheme

Concern over high fees for risk funds



Business Expansion Scheme funds are beginning to cause considerable concern in the City. It is feared these funds, intended originally as a means of risk financing for small businesses...

"If this process continues," we are likely to see the inland Revenue thinking twice about the whole thing." The idea is that the funds offer the safety of a wide spread of investments in potentially high risk new and emerging businesses.

- the Centreway Group, based in Birmingham. A fund manager (not involved in BES) and a merchant banker were asked to look through the funds, and they came up with these criticisms and warnings for both investor and investee.

where the marginal cost of the operation is much lower. In most cases interest on money awaiting investment goes to the fund management company and is not ploughed back into the fund - another management company perk.

and equity and fund managers insist on the shares which they buy carrying special rights. There are initial charges for legal fees, surveys, market or product research and management company fees.

investee a management fee for the appointment of a non-executive director. Admittedly, these men will often provide financial expertise lacking in the company. But some of these directors are on index-linked fees.

Be particularly wary of any clause that grants the management company exclusive rights to bring the company to the stock market if success warrants public floatations.

Also watch for the special rights on the shares on which the management company insists on taking an option. Performance targets are the norm and if they are not met the fund managers will want in effect the right to take over management.

Wayne Lintott

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Young, fast growing American companies are the target investments for Abbey Life's new Emerging US Companies trust, launched this week. It will invest in growth-oriented companies, typically with a unique product or service.

WHO WILL INHERIT THE MOST? Your Family or the Revenue? Capital Transfer Tax (Death Duties) can be severe. The REVENUE could be the LARGEST single heir. Do you understand the rules and the exemptions? Do you know about the schemes available for reducing the liability whilst retaining the income from and control of your investments? Send for our FREE booklet "KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY". The Hastings Group, 25 East Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7SD. Tel: Farnham (0252) 71056.

THE SHEER LOGIC OF PENNY SHARES! Why are penny shares so profitable... as this list surely proves? Taking every single company in the stockmarket capitalised at under £30m at the end of 1981, here are the top ten outstanding shares, in the country during 1982 (source: FT, Datastream):

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Perpetual Group American Growth Fund. America is leading the world out of recession. Perpetual now offer you the opportunity to invest in this massive market. America represents over 50% of the world's stock markets, and boasts over 25,000 listed companies compared, for example, with approximately 2,000 in the UK.

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MARKET REPORT by Derek Pain

Jobbers jump to peak

The stock market ended the account on a note of high excitement yesterday with the shares of two of its more important members - Akroyd and Smithers and Smith Bros - reflecting much of the activity. Akroyd rose 49p to 550p and Smith Bros jumped 6p to 69p. Both are at peaks. Behind the advance is the continuing speculation about the future of the stock market itself and the expected "invasion" of outside financial groups. Jobbers, runs the argument, represent far more rewarding investments than stockbrokers, hence the uncontrolled excitement over Akroyd and Smith, the only quoted jobbers and the only avenue for the punters' speculative instincts. New time buying strengthened yesterday's interest but even so Akroyd has climbed from 260p this year and Smith from 39p. Akroyd, in the unusual position of a jobber being asked about its own shares, refused to comment. But others were not so bashful and there was talk of a big unsatisfied buyer - one possibility is Security Pacific

itself up for sale, gained 9p to 412p. Insurance shares were again firm - still helped by the Miras Group - and the tantalising prospect of the Mirror Newspapers sale, lifted Reed International a further 10p to 366p. Lead Securities, that weather-ervane of the property sector, announced a two-for-five scrip issue yesterday. The market was puzzled by the curious timing ahead of the interim results due on Monday. The shares were up 2p at 338p. The behind the scenes action at Royal Westacres aroused more curiosity yesterday when yet again the expected response to Monday's higher offer from Oil & Associated Capitalists failed to materialize. The shares were up 3p at 328p after 332p. On the over the counter market run by Afor Investments, the Seneket biotech offer for sale was over subscribed. Those who applied for up to 150,000 shares will have to be content with 70 per cent of the shares they applied for. Dealings in the shares on the Afor over the counter are due to start on Wednesday.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

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Money Market Rates

Table with columns for clearing bank base rate, discount rate, weekly rate.

Other Markets

Table with columns for Australia, Bahrain, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa.

Dollar Spot Rates

Table with columns for 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

Euro-Deposits

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Gold

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Table with columns for Alliance Inc, Anglo Corp, British Overseas, etc.

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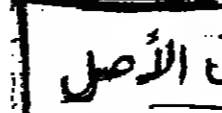
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RUGBY UNION: HARDENING OF ATTITUDE SHOULD ENABLE NEW ZEALAND TO RETAIN RECORD

Grey eye to an all-black prospect for Scotland

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
There was a sombre air over Edinburgh yesterday, the result of a grey lowland day but also perhaps the realisation that the Midlands by their win on Tuesday, had done Scotland no favours in their endeavour to beat New Zealand at Murrayfield today.



Rutherford: full of guile

When you are as accustomed to victory as the All Blacks, defeat comes as a severe jolt to the system and prompts a hardening of attitudes. No New Zealand side has lost two successive matches on tour in Britain and Stuart Wilson's party are good enough to maintain that record against a Scottish side yet to find a discernible identity. The pride of the country, in the shape of the South of Scotland has already lost to the touring side and for all the industry of Laidlaw and the guile of Rutherford, it will be remarkable if that result is reversed.

game, and loose play and All Blacks are categorical opposites. After Bryce Rope, the New Zealand coach thought he had observed his opposite number David Robinson apparently passing messages to his captain during the Northern Division's game with the All Blacks on November 2, he (Rope) was asked what he would have said to his team had he been allowed on or over the field of play at half time. One word only, he replied: platform. By which, he meant, the necessary forward base had not been established to enable the half backs to operate at maximum efficiency. That will be New Zealand's first concern today, primarily

Four counties with only pride at stake

By Gordon Allan
All will be revealed in the Thorne-EMF county championship today. Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Somerset and Middlesex, all unbroken, are as good as into the semi-final round on November 26, and only ground advantage remains to be decided, depending on who finish first and second in the two groups of the first division.

In group A, last year's champions and runners-up, respectively Gloucestershire and Yorkshire, meet at Kingsholm, and in group B Somerset play Middlesex at Bridge-water. Rather, the Gloucestershire captain, who withdrew with a hamstring injury, has been replaced by another Bristol flanker, Hone, and the captaincy passes to the scrum half, Harding. Tipping is out of the Yorkshire side with a nose trouble, Buckton moves from No 8 to flanker, Lockyer to No 8, and Jones (Rotherham) joins the second row.

Teams at Murrayfield

Table listing rugby players for Scotland and New Zealand, including positions like Full back, Right wing, Left centre, etc., and player names like J.A. Popleck, E.A. Kennedy, etc.

Stadium full of memories

From Chris Teas, Bucharest
While Wales were practicing with remarkable confidence and concentration the whole range of attacking moves under the diligent eyes of the coach John Bevan, two men were sitting quietly by the touchline of the great National Stadium "23rd of August" in Bucharest.

With four men over 68 in, the Romanians will pose a difficult challenge to the Welsh forwards, specially in the line-outs. Also the experience of the Romanian pack in which Dumitru wins his fifty-third cap could be a telling factor.

Steve Redfern in

Stuart Redfern, the Leicester forward, who trained with the England squad on Thursday night, has for the present been replaced by his brother Steve as announced. A second squad was announced yesterday to report at Stourbridge Monday night to prepare for England's match against New Zealand's week today.

French gamble

Clermont-Ferrand, France (Reuters) France will gamble on the half-back partnership of Jerome Gallion and Jean-Patrick Lescaubour when they meet Australia here tomorrow. Gallion will be playing his first match for France since the Ireland game three years ago and Lescaubour is recalled after missing last season's five nations' championship.

Pakistan wilt before Phillips

From Ian Brayshaw, Perth
A new day dawned in Australian cricket when Wayne Phillips savaged a depleted Pakistan attack for a century on his debut on the opening day of the first Test match here. The 25-year-old left handed batsman from South Australia did not just make his mark in the record book and move on - he remained with Graham Yallop, a Test veteran, while the pair put on 259 all-out partnership record against Pakistan.



Like a giant 1, the bat of Phillips is displayed as a symbol of his maiden Test century

At the end of the day the dispirited Pakistanis, having seen Australia in on a green-tinted wicket, ruefully studied a score board showing Australia's most total command at 330 for three. The day belonged to Phillips an amiable insurance company promotions officer in Adelaide. He was a surprise selection, but he responded magnificently to the challenge.

He became the ninth Australian to achieve a century in his first Test innings, and the 14th on Test debut, emulating the performance of two other members of his team - Greg Chappell (on the same ground against England in 1970-71) and Kepler Wessels (12 months ago in Brisbane, also against England). Grateful for a "bite" at 39, when a difficult chance to Misandoff Qadir went begging at deep backward square, he displayed an array of punishing strokes and sent the 20 boundaries.

Alternative coverage

They are hoping to end the BBC's monopoly of television cricket coverage, Adrian Metcalfe, Channel 4's head of sport, has opened negotiations with the Test and County Cricket Board for the rights to screen next year's NatWest Trophy and Benson and Hedges Cup.

India in search of form

Ahmedabad (AFP) - India, who have made three changes in their team to meet West Indies in the third Test match starting here today, are desperate to end their poor run. The World Cup winners have lost both of the one-day matches played so far and have lost one Test match and drawn the other.

Large financial table containing columns for 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week', 'Authorized Unit Trusts', and 'Insurance Bonds and Funds'. It lists various investment products and their performance metrics.



RACING: CHAMPION HURDLER'S REAPPEARANCE DEPENDS ON STATE OF GROUND

Banking on Fifty Dollars More

Only two horses, Fortria and the Mackeson Gold Cup, one of jumping's oldest sponsored races, twice, No. 1 I think that there is every chance that last year's winner, Fifty Dollars More, can emulate them by winning this year's running at Cheltenham this afternoon.

Discussing the race earlier this week, Fred Winter, his trainer, said that Fifty Dollars More was certainly every bit as fit as he was when he won it on his first outing 12 months ago, and arguably even better, if his physical development during the summer was anything to go by.

Huntingdon last month when he was clearly in need of a race following his summer's rest. Direct Line has the ability to win a race of this nature from his present mark in the handicap, but I cannot help wondering whether he is too clumsy. It was an error at the second last fence that put paid to his chance of winning the Arkle Challenge trophy at that same meeting, will be wearing blinkers again as he did then. He is not wearing them when he finished last in his only race this season at Newcastle.

John O'Neill's fastest half-century is the fastest of the season, and his form this season, has been some consolation to his owners and breeders, Pat Macdonald and Bill Love, for the loss of his younger half brother, that good but ill-fated hurdler, The Grey Bomber.

Ekbalco no threat to Gaye Brief

Mersey Rimel will inspect the course at Newcastle this morning before deciding whether to give Brief the chance in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle. The trainer, who showed such patience in her handling of the champion hurdler last season, said yesterday: "Gaye Brief will only run if the going is reasonable. I would never risk him on firm ground. It is not easy to wait until the last moment, but I don't see what else I can do."

Piñero shares lead as form returns

When Tony Jacklin finally knew the 12 members of his Ryder Cup team he expressed disappointment at the absence of only one player. The man in question was the team, softly spoken Manuel Piñero. For Piñero, too, it was a bitter setback during a year which he has marked down as best forgotten. Yet there is still time for the Spaniard to salvage some success as he emphasized by putting together a 68 for a share of the halfway lead in the Jock Maclean Trophy on the La Moraleja course here yesterday.

Marathon entrants run into a snag

Entries for the London Marathon on 12th May 1983 closed officially yesterday but the organizers will be giving a few days leeway to some applicants who have completed forms but do not have a 1000 word letter. There should be some 70,000 entrants, but localized strikes have held up collections and deliveries and some entries in an envelope pre-addressed to the marathon office have been returned to people who put their own address on the reverse of the envelope.

Swinburn can carry off the crock of gold

Having already decisively beaten five of her eight rivals over the past six weeks, All Along has an outstanding chance to prove herself one of the great fillies of all time by taking the Washington DC International here tomorrow. If she does the \$1m bonus for winning this race as well as the £100,000 prize for the national and Turf Classic will lift her lifetime's earnings to \$2,439,300 and put her fourth in the list of all-time stakes winners.

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Quinn wins in Paris

Richard Quinn, who recently won the European apprentice championship, had an easy victory in yesterday's Prix Perth at Saint-Cloud on the 39-1 outsider Rare Roberta, trained by Alvaro Llena by two thirds of a mile. Quinn's victory was a surprise as he was only a second year apprentice and Rare Roberta was a long way from her best.

Full list of weekend fixtures

Table listing various football fixtures for the weekend, including First Division, Second Division, and Scottish leagues.

Cheltenham

- 1.0 EMERSON PREMIER CHASE (handicap; £2,561; 2m 4f) (3 runners)
114 108-75 THE FLOODLIGHT (Owner: Lord O. Sillars) 11-4
114 212-21 SWEET MANDY (T) John Edwards 7-11-2

Newcastle

- 1.0 SLAMANCA CHASE (handicap; £1,443; 2m 4f)
111-6 MOUNTAIN HAYES (T) M J Edwards 11-10
10 4-31 SPRING CHANCELLOR (C) W Stephenson 10-6 (5)
11 22-22 BRIBBY R Spring 10-10

Windsor

- 1.15 MARINA HURDLE (novices; £438; 2m 30yds) (18 runners)
5 32-6 ARNOLDIST Mr J Wilson
7 03-9 BORDER BUN Mr J Wilson

Cheltenham selections

- 1.0 Sweet Mandy, 1.35 Tom Noel, 2.10 Fifty Dollars More, 2.45 Santella King, 3.20 Noddy's Ryde, 3.55 Boardmans Crows.

Newcastle results

- 2.10 JACK BRITTON CHASE (novices; £286; 2m)
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Cheltenham results

- 1.00 DERMOIT DAILY CHASE (novices; £375; 3m)
FLANETMAN (T) by Meriel-Lock (Form: 1-10) (P) Lane 8 11-11 Mr O Sillars 11-10

Newcastle results

- 2.10 JACK BRITTON CHASE (novices; £286; 2m)
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Tomorrow

Table listing various sports fixtures for the following day, including football, basketball, and tennis.

Cheltenham selections

- 1.15 Golden Minstrel, 1.45 Swodesman, 2.15 Quailier Prince, 2.45 King Ba Be, 3.15 Elmbrook, 3.45 Jack Ramsey.

Newcastle results

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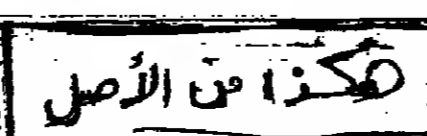
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### SCHOLARSHIPS

Roedean School offers a number of high value scholarships and exhibitions - for the academic year 1984/85. Candidates may take the examination in one of the following categories (a) for candidates under 14 years of age on 1st September, 1984 for direct entry into the Sixth Form either as a day-plant or boarder, or (b) to either of these categories for Music.

Scholarships are worth two-thirds fees and exhibitions one-half fees. Full fees may be awarded for exceptional merit. The value of all awards is indexed to the increase in school fees throughout the duration of the award.

The academic examinations will be held on 30th January, 31st January and 1st February, 1984. Closing date for entries 16th January, 1984. Full details may be obtained from the School Secretary, Roedean School, Brighton, BN2 5RQ (Tel: 0273-600791).



# Preparatory and Public Schools

## Education

### How to assess the glossy brochures

Choosing the right school for your son or daughter can be a grueling task. It requires research and hard work though you in general do not have to worry so long about putting your child down for an independent school at birth unless you live in London and want an exclusive nursery.

In the independent sector the difficulty is often that there appears to be a multitude of choice but little useful information about what a school is *really* like behind the glossy cover of the prospectus. The first thing to say to parents who are thinking about independent education or have decided on it but are choosing between schools is that there is help available if you know where to look. Second, careful visits to schools are a must.

Before that there is the research to be done. Various books, available in the local library, might help you to prepare a shortlist of schools. The *Public and Preparatory Schools Yearbook*, published by A and C Black, lists all the public schools to the Headmasters' Conference as well as the prep schools in the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, with brief details about each school.

It also contains all schools in the Society of Headmasters of Independent Schools. A companion volume, *Girls School Yearbook*, does the same for the independent girls' schools which belong to the Girls' Schools Association.

*The Parents' Guide to Independent Schools*, published by SFIA Educational Trust in Maidenhead, is another useful book which gives advice on what points to look for in choosing a school and lists profiles of 1,198 prep and 832 public schools, compiled by the schools themselves. It contains some especially valuable maps showing schools in different regions.

There is little what might be called "subjective" information about schools though a book published last week (Nov 3) by Routledge and Kegan Paul, *Choosing the Right School. A parent's guide*, attempts to do this. Like the *Good Food Guide*, it contains parents' observations and impressions of individual establishments, most good, some more barbed.

It is by no means comprehensive and will be expanded in due course but it gives the flavour of many schools (prep, public and tutorial colleges) and is worth consulting. It gives fees and explains which schools give remedial help with dyslexia.

An example of the entries is the one for Godstow, a prestige prep school for girls in High Wycombe with fees of £975 a term. Parents commented: "Godstow is a good school for a

gifted child. Teaching and discipline are excellent but the system of the school tends to make a slower child feel guilty and inadequate."

Another parent wrote: "This is an academically strong school. It is its best with a bright child. The routine of the school is a little harsh but gets good results. It is not for the faint-hearted child or parent. By contrast another 'girls' school, Luckley-Oakfield in Wokingham, is said to be good for the less academic and those with special needs but less good for the bright."

Conscientious parents should also write off for information from the Independent Schools Information Service at 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AB (01-530 8374) which publishes booklets for a small fee, listing schools by region. ISIS is sponsored by the four main independent schools' associations, containing, for example HMC and the Girls' Schools Association.

It is probably worth making sure that the school you choose is a member of ISIS because that way you can be sure the school makes an effort to regulate standards and that if things go wrong you have some recourse. ISIS also produces a leaflet *Questions to Ask When You Visit a School* and in the new year will be publishing a paperback guide to independent schools. This will list ISIS member schools into high street hookshops.

Furthermore ISIS runs an advisory service for parents who may not know exactly what they are looking for or who have to choose a new school owing to changed circumstances of who are in difficulties because of a child's special gifts or disability. It costs £50 for a consultancy and £125 per child for a placement. ISIS International helps parents living overseas. Gabbitts Thring and Truman and Knightley perform a similar kind of service to ISIS.

It is obviously vital that parents choose a school which is right for their particular child. David Freeman says that schools reveal a lot about themselves in their magazines and what parents should read this in conjunction with the prospectus. But the style of the school can be discerned by a visit during term-time, by observing staff and pupils and by talking to them.

"No school is worth choosing unless, when first exploring, parents are given ample time with pupils on their own," says David Freeman. "In response to direct questions pupils will say whether they are well occupied at weekends, whether their possessions can safely be left unsecured, whether they were homesick at the start and if so how they tackled

the problem; whether there are many who make no friends.

When talking to the head it is important for the parents to ask the questions that matter to them and the child and not simply to take the school on its own terms. It is essential that the parents of bright children in particular ask about examination results.

What proportion achieved five O levels? How many stayed on into the sixth form? How do they perform at A levels? What proportion go on to higher education? how many get into Oxford and Cambridge each year? For the less academic this kind of information will be much less important than details about clubs and other extra-curricular activities.

In talking to staff, parents should ask whether they are people they like and trust. Are they in teaching because they want to be? are they the sort of people parents would like to influence their children? Does the school's practice of religious observance contrast with the indifference at home? If it does, the young may resent it.

David Freeman points out that parents wanting their children to be educated within a rigid framework of imposed control may not approve the easy tolerance of the Quaker schools, for example Leighton Park in Berkshire and The Mount in Yorkshire, while those who value childish self-difference "even to the inconvenience of adults" should avoid St Richard's, Herefordshire.

He suggested it may be worth asking the schools for names of other parents with children already at the school. Do they like the school and do they share their values? It is important too that parents should be roughly in sympathy with the house master or house mistress otherwise the pupil's chances of a successful school career are sharply diminished.

Above all, you want a school in which your child is going to be happy and be able to develop. Remember, five years of schooling may be quite an impact and will almost certainly affect your child's life chances of what sort of higher education he or she goes on to and what happens after that. Moreover you may be paying a sum of £40,000 or so for the privilege.

"Conscientious parents want to choose schools they can trust to enhance their children's lives, cultivate their talents, develop their self-confidence, extend their strengths and diminish their weaknesses," says David Freeman. You can't do better than that.

Lucy Hodges  
Education Correspondent

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CHRYDON HIGH SCHOOL, Old Farleigh Road, Selodon, South Croydon, CR2 8YB. Tel: 01-657 0129  
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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, 10 Rutland Park, Sheffield, S10 2PE. Tel: 0742 (Sheffield) 680324  
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SUTTON HIGH SCHOOL, 55 Cheam Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2AX. Tel: 01-642 0594  
SYDENHAM HIGH SCHOOL, 19 Westwood Hill, London, SE26 5BL. Tel: 01-778 8737  
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A school in association with the GPDST: \*HOWELL'S SCHOOL, Llandaff, Cardiff, CF5 2YD. Tel: 0222 (Cardiff) 562019

\*Boarding Facilities

### ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

(Independent Boarding and Day School, fully registered with the Dept of Education and Science)

Boys' Dept: The Hall, Gt Finborough, Stowmarket, Suffolk.  
Girls' Dept: Wicklowood, Wymondham, Norfolk.

#### PLACES AVAILABLE FOR BOARDING/DAY PUPILS

- \* Continuous education, 8 to 18 years.
- \* All staff fully qualified, mainly graduates.
- \* Maximum class size 30 pupils.
- \* Good family atmosphere.
- \* Extensive grounds - good sports facilities.
- \* Entry possible at any age.
- \* CSE/GCE 'O' and 'A' level courses.
- \* Traditional values; firm but reasonable discipline.
- \* Sensible uniform - reasonably priced.


#### FEES

BOARDING: £260 per term, fully inclusive.  
DAY: From £350 per term.

Apply for Prospectus: The Admissions Officer, The Hall, Gt Finborough, Stowmarket, Suffolk. Tel: Stowmarket 613848/674479.

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### ST. FRANCIS' COLLEGE, LETCHWORTH, HERTS



#### INDEPENDENT BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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KINDERGARTEN	3 1/2 - 4 1/2
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SENIOR SCHOOL	11 - 18

We offer your daughter an excellent education in a happy yet disciplined environment, where the quest for excellence is pursued in a caring, Christian atmosphere.

We have an enviable record of Academic results at "O", "A" and "S" level and we place great importance on our long tradition of excellence in the Arts and Sports. Our activities include a Modern Science Laboratory, a 600 seat Theatre, several swimming pools and 12 room Music Wing.

Scholarships are available for entry into the Senior School and the Entrance Examination is on Saturday, February 11th, 1984.

Please write to the Head for further details and prospectus.

TELEPHONE 0426 4450

### KENT COLLEGE CANTERBURY

Co-educational boarding and day school, 600 pupils; 170 in the sixth form. Junior schools ages 7 to 11. Senior schools ages 11 to 18. Entrance by examination in February. Scholarships, Bursaries and Assisted places available. Assisted bursaries to assist with boarding fees for Assisted Places holders where necessary.

Fees: £2,250 per boarding; £1,200 per day.

Prospectus available on request from the Headmaster, Kent College, Canterbury, Kent.

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### FELIXSTOWE COLLEGE

Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7ND

Telephone: Felixstowe 294228

Boarding and Day School for 350 pupils, ages 11-18. The school commences on the 1st of September each year. The school has a happy atmosphere amongst the girls and staff and the excellent record of academic results is a result of the atmosphere. Entrance examinations up to 11th form are available. A prospectus will be sent on application to: The Headmaster, Felixstowe College, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 7ND. Tel: 0473 251250.

### Millfield Junior School

Edgarley Hall, Glastonbury, Somerset

#### Scholarships & Bursaries for 1984

Giving a percentage reduction on standard fees which will continue when a pupil transfers to the Senior School.

Candidates should be over 6 years and under 11 years on January 1st, 1984, but consideration will be given to those a few months outside these limits.

Entries close on February 6th 1984.  
Open Day, February 25th.  
Assessment takes place on March 3rd.  
Further particulars and prospectus from the Headmaster.

### Lyncroft House

Co-educational Day and Boarding School

#### SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 1983

We shall be holding, in February 1984, an Entrance Examination for pupils wishing to begin A level Courses in September 1984. As a result of this Examination YOU will be offered places for entry to the Sixth Form. Details of the Entrance Examination, Scholarships and of the School may be obtained from:

THE HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY,  
LYNCROFT HOUSE, ST. PETERS ROAD, CANNOCK, STAFFS, CANNOCK (WS43) 2BB

### ST CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Letchworth, Herts

(450 pupils, boarding and day)

offers a complete scheme of education for boys and girls between 2 1/2 and 19 years (boarders from age 7) with -

- \* an emphasis on the needs of the individual child with education seen in a lifelong perspective
- \* small classes, specialist staff and a wide range of courses in languages, arts, science and practical subjects
- \* an excellent record of entry to universities (including regularly to Oxbridge) and to vocational training
- \* exceptional facilities for drama, music and the creative arts (first theatre opened 1982)
- \* a friendly informal caring atmosphere in co-educational boarding houses
- \* vegetarian whole food diet and an emphasis on humane values and an environmental outlook
- \* realistic involvement of pupils in school government, community service and challenging outdoor activities
- \* an attractive campus on the edge of the First Garden City, one mile from the A1 and 85 mins from King's Cross.

Admission may be considered at any stage up to the age of 13 and for direct entry to the Sixth Form. Interviews now being held for September entry.

Prospectus from the Head, Colin Reid, M.A.  
Telephone: Letchworth (04626) 79301

### BREDON SCHOOL

Bredon, Herefordshire

QUESTION: Is there an independent school prepared to adjust to my son's educational needs?

ANSWER: Yes. Contact BREDON SCHOOL

We refuse to restrict selection to the results of one examination, but we do assess the 'whole child' and his future potential, an approach which has resulted in a unique formula for success.

We offer:

1. Secondary education for Boarders and Day Boys from 11-18.
2. A small school of 195 pupils. A teacher ratio of 1 to 8 with classes of 8 to 15 pupils only.
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4. A well-balanced curriculum offering courses at CSE, GCE 'O' and more advanced levels.
5. Excellent facilities in Crafts, Design and Technology, and Agriculture.
6. Further specialisation in academic and/or practical subjects in the 6th Form.
7. A wide range of Outdoor Pursuits, Sports and Games.

Without obligation, write for our prospectus today, visit the school, interview us, and then decide.

BREDON SCHOOL  
Pall Court, Bredon, Near Tewkesbury, Glos.  
Telephone Tewkesbury 293156

### Millfield School

Street, Somerset

#### Scholarships & Bursaries for 1984

Approximately 20 SCHOLARSHIPS (Academic and Musical), in addition to a much greater number of bursaries, will be awarded on the results of an examination taken in Spring 1984.

Candidates (boys and girls) should be over 12 and under 14 on January 1st 1984 (Musical scholars under 17 in September 1984).

Academic BURSARIES also available for Sixth Form entry.

Academic entries close on January 30th 1984.  
Music entries close on January 1st 1984.

For further particulars write to -  
The Headmaster, Millfield School, Street, Somerset BA16 0YD.

### CAISTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Caistor, Lincoln LN76QJ

A co-educational school offering a full range of courses to GCE 'O' level and A-level. An extensive building programme will be completed in 1984. The 365 pupils include 80 boarders. Admission to the Sixth Form and Middle School as well as to 11+. Boarding fees £665 a term. Visitation fees £100 a term. The School is maintained by Lincolnshire County Council but pupils need not live in Lincolnshire.

Prospectus from Headmaster's Secretary (Tel: 0472 851250).

### RECOMMENDED READING FOR PARENTS IN NEED OF EDUCATION

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Third Edition 1983-1984

The choice of an independent school for your child is a major decision. It is certainly should not be made without consulting *The Parents' Guide to Independent Schools*. This is the essential reference work for anyone planning a child's school career.

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### DULWICH COLLEGE

LONDON SE21 7LD

Tel: 01-693 3601

#### ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

For admission in September 1984 will be held on Monday, 30th January 1984 (for boys between 11 7/2 and 13 7/8) and 31 7/8.  
Thursday and Friday, 9th and 10th February 1984 for boys born between 19 7/20 and 31 7/8 79.

More than 50 Scholarships and Bursaries will be open for competition (including Awards for Music and Arts). Bursaries are awarded if clear financial need can be shown.

Applications are invited for 2 year A-level courses. Some Scholarships and Bursaries are open for competition.

ASSISTED PLACES  
Government Assisted Places subject to means test, and carrying anything up to full remission of fees, will be available for competition at ages 11 and 13 and also at Sixth Form level.

PROSPECTUSES AND FURTHER INFORMATION are available from the Admissions Secretary.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS  
31st December 1983 for entry at all ages up to and including 12 1/2th March 1984 for Sixth Form entry.  
Parents of prospective pupils are always most welcome to visit the College by prior appointment through the Admissions Secretary.

### Moira House

EASTBOURNE

Founded 1875

Headmaster: Aiden Underwood, B.A. (Hons), M.A.

Moira House is an independent, independent boarding and day school for over 300 girls. There is a Junior School (5-11), which accepts boarders from 6, and a Senior School (11-18). The Sixth Form has its own house, and we welcome external post-'O' level entrants.

We have a full range of 'O' and 'A' level courses leading to University entry. We also offer a one-year Sixth Form course which includes Business Studies, Health Science and Domestic Science.

Our recent development plan has provided new library and gymnasium facilities, a new theatre, new science laboratories and a computer centre. Although within Eastbourne, our grounds extend on to the South Downs, offering excellent opportunities for expeditions and field work.

We provide a balanced education, and have strong traditions in music, drama and sport - our First XI hockey team recently toured N. America. Extra-curricular time is constructively organized with a wide range of activities including study and social work.

There is a daily minibus service for day-girls, and a termly service to Haverhill/Gatwick for boarders.

Each year we offer seven English Scholarships: six senior and three sixth for girls with excellent academic work.

For a prospectus please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, who will be pleased to arrange an interview.

MOIRA HOUSE SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE, EAST SUSSEX BN20 7TE  
Tel: (0823) 644144

### WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL

Co-educational, boarding and day JUNIOR SCHOOL (Ages 5-13) SENIOR SCHOOL (Ages 13-18) 130 in the Sixth Form

Scholarships and Assisted Places for 11+, 13+ and Sixth Form Examinations 11th February 1984 Details from the Headmaster, (0833) 222427 or 222898

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DAY AND BOARDING

A small well established school providing sound education to 'A' level for girls 8-18 in a happy family atmosphere with a good variety of extra-curricular activities. Girls may tently or weekly boarders. Girls from 'A' level tuition is to small group and a one year general 'U' Level Sixth Form course is available.

Prospectus from The Headmaster, Wroxall Abbey School, Warwick, CV38 7NB. Telephone: 05987 220

### ALDENHAM SCHOOL

Elstree, Hertfordshire. WD6 8AJ

Tel: Radlett (STD 09276) 6131

#### ADMISSIONS 1984

- \* H.M.C. Boys 13+ and Sixth-Form Girls (Boarding and Day).
- \* SCHOLARSHIPS offered each year.
- \* Government Assisted Places Scheme.
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- \* Small school situated in the country yet only 15 miles from central London.

Regulation to the Headmaster: Michael Higginbottom, M.A. (Contest), G.L.C., M.B.L.R.C.

### ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

MERRYHILL ROAD, BUSHEY, HERTS

St. Margaret's, established in 1749, is one of the oldest schools for girls in the country. It caters for day and boarding pupils from 7 to 18+, and offers all subjects for G.C.E. 'A' and 'O' level examinations, and for entrance to University.

Further details can be obtained from the Headmistress, Secretary. Telephone numbers: 01-950 1548.

### HAILEYBURY

HERTFORD

An Independent Boarding School for boys. Girls are taken for 'A' level. Entry at 13+ and VI form. Some scholarships available.

Full information and prospectus from: The Registrar, Haileybury, Hertford, Herts. Tel: Hoddeston 463353.

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DEATHS LEARNOR - On November 10, 1983, Mrs. Mary...

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HONG KONG Cathay Pacific Airways 10 Days/7 Nights. Stay at the Excelsior Hotel...

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Television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

- 9.35 Inch High Private Eye... 1.10 Film: Man's Favourite Sport... 1.15 Grandstand... 1.40 Boxer...

TV-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain... 9.30 Sesame Street... 12.15 World of Sport... 1.15 News from ITN...



James Telfer (left) as Wilfred Owen and Stephen Macdonald as Sassoon in Yorkshire Television's Not About Heroes (TV, 10.45)

BBC 2

- 10.10 Open University... 12.45 News from ITN... 1.40 Boxing... 2.45 News from ITN... 3.45 News from ITN...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.00 A Kind of Living self... 2.25 Film: Arise My Love... 4.25 Play Away... 6.00 How We Learned to Sisk First...

BBC 1

- 9.00 Heads and Tails... 10.30 Remembrance Sunday... 11.45 Bizzard's Wonderful Wooden Toys... 12.00 News from ITN...

TV-am

- 7.25 Thought for a Sunday... 8.30 Good Morning Britain... 10.00 Link: Preventable pressure sores... 10.30 Remembrance Sunday...



Angela Pleasance and Bernard Hepton: two of the stars of the serial Mansfield Park (BBC 2, 10.10 pm)

BBC 2

- 10.10 Open University... 1.00 Police 5: With Shaw Taylor... 2.00 Credo: Will Anglican priests hand over to the laity?...

CHANNEL 4

- 1.05 Irish Gaelic... 1.30 New Indian Cinema: Bhaskar... 2.50 Film: The Driving License... 4.20 The Great Palace...

Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 8.15 Sport on 4... 9.05 Breakaway... 10.05 The Week in Westminster...

Radio 2

- 7.05 Top of the Pops... 7.45 Baker's Dozen... 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre... 10.15 News...

Radio 3

- 7.55 Weather... 8.05 Abade: Nielsen... 9.05 News... 9.30 Record Review...

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- 7.00 News... 7.15 News... 7.30 News... 7.45 News... 7.55 News...

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.3kHz/288m; 108.9kHz/275m; Radio 2: 89.3kHz/433m; 90.9kHz/330m; Radio 3: 121.5kHz/247m; VHF 90-92.5; Radio 4: 200.4kHz/150m; 492-95; LBC 116.2kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 154.8kHz/194m; VHF 93.8; BBC Radio London 145.8kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 64.8kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales, 10.55-12.30 International Rugby; Romania v Wales. 5.15-6.30pm Sports News...

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS GRANADA As London except: 10.30-10.35 Cartoon; 5.30pm-6.30pm Night Rider...

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Stargazing followed by Star 100; 11.30-11.35 CloseDown; 5.05 PMG; 11.40-11.45 8.00 Knight Rider...

GRAMPAIN As London except: 10.05-10.30 Adventure of Gulliver; 5.05pm-5.30pm Gulliver; 11.55 Barney Miller; 12.15am CloseDown.

CENTRAL As London except: 10.30-10.35pm Football; 10.30-10.35pm Football; 10.30-10.35pm Football; 10.30-10.35pm Football...

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.35am Metal Mickey; 9.55am Professor Kitzel; 9.30 Metal Mickey; 10.00-10.30 Ability is Where You Look For It...

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